

# TOWN REPORT



**WESTON**  
**Massachusetts**  
**1948**

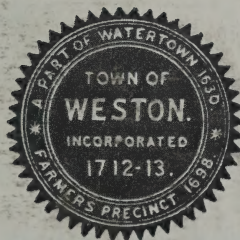


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TOWN RECORDS 1948  
AND  
REPORTS  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF  
WESTON  
MASSACHUSETTS

For The Year Ending December 31, 1948



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## OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON, 1948

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### ELECTED BY THE VOTERS

	Term Expires
<b>Selectmen</b>	
WM. R. DEWEY, JR, <i>Chairman</i>	1949
RAYMOND W. COBURN	1950
J. ROBERT AYERS, <i>Secretary</i>	1951
<b>Town Clerk</b>	
FRANCIS BLAKE	1950
<b>Treasurer and Collector</b>	
HELEN E. CUTTING	1949
<b>Moderator</b>	
LIVINGSTON HALL	1949
<b>Assessors</b>	
EDWARD P. RIPLEY, <i>Chairman</i>	1950
WILLIAM P. COUES	1949
LEANDER H. REDFIELD	1951
<b>School Committee</b>	
ANTHONY BRAYTON, <i>Chairman</i>	1950
MARJORY L. BLANEY	1949
MORTIMER T. FARLEY	1951
<b>Board of Public Welfare</b>	
MARGARET B. WARREN, <i>Chairman</i>	1949
HERBERT CROUCH	1950
ROBERT G. HUTCHINSON	1951
<b>Water Commissioners</b>	
HAROLD B. COLPITTS, <i>Chairman</i>	1949
OSCAR A. SCHLAIKJER	1951
HERBERT W. WEBER	1950

**Recreation Commission**

CHARLES K. CUMMINGS, JR., <i>Chairman</i>	1950
DONALD J. HURLEY	1949
DOROTHY B. U. FIELD	1949
GILBERT M. UPHAM ( <i>Resigned</i> )	1951
KARL ADAMS, JR. ( <i>To fill vacancy</i> )	1949
ELEANOR B. SPEARE	1951
DR. WILLIAM T. VANHUUSEN	1950

**Planning Board**

DAVID BLANEY	1950
E. OLSEN FIELD	1949
DONALD D. REYNOLDS	1952
ALBERT B. HUNT	1951
W. BROWNELL FREEMAN	1953

**Library Trustees**

GRANT M. PALMER, JR., <i>Chairman</i>	1949
MILES HANSON, JR.	1951
GERTRUDE FISKE	1950

**Park Commissioners**

BENJAMIN S. BLAKE, <i>Chairman</i>	1951
CHARLES E. MEAD	1950
CHARLES G. SQUIBB ( <i>Resigned January 4, 1947</i> )	1949
DONALD WYMAN ( <i>Elected to fill vacancy March 3, 1947</i> )	1949

**Cemetery Commissioners**

WALTER W. WELD, <i>Chairman</i>	1949
EDMUND V. MEZITT	1950
CHARLES E. MEAD	1951

**Board of Health**

DR. FRESENIUS VAN NUYS, <i>Chairman</i>	1949
WALTER C. REED	1950
DR. CHARLES A. JANEWAY	1951

**Measurers of Lumber**

WILLIAM J. HENDERSON	1949
HAROLD A. OGILVIE	1949
CHARLES H. STIMPSON, JR.	1949

**Tree Warden**

GILBERT M. UPHAM ( <i>Resigned</i> )	1949
JOHN L. DUFFY ( <i>Appointed to fill vacancy</i> )	1949



## Commissioners of Trust Funds

HOMER F. WHITTEMORE, <i>Chairman</i>	1951
EDWARD B. HUBBARD	1949
JOSEPH SNYDER	1950

## Trustees of the Merriam Fund

LOUISE D. BROTCHE	1951
GEORGE O. RUSSELL, JR.	1949
MARY R. BERRY	1950

## APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

## Town Counsel

GRANT M. PALMER, JR.	1949
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## Town Accountant

ROBERT CLIVE	1951
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## Superintendent of Streets

GILBERT M. UPHAM (Resigned June 1, 1948)	1949
STANLEY FABBRI Acting Supt. Streets (to fill vacancy)	1949

## Moth Superintendent

EDMUND V. MEZITT	1949
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## Chief of Police

J. SUMNER VILES	1949
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## Police Officers

HARLAN C. BERRY - <i>deceased</i>	1949
FRANK L. JACQUES	1949
LAWRENCE H. CUGINI	1949
WILLARD J. FRYE	1949
HAROLD L. LINGLEY	1949
ROBERT C. MILLEN	1949

## Permanent Reserve Police Officer (Under Civil Service)

ROBERT P. LAZZARI
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**Constables and Dog Officers**

J. SUMNER VILES	1949
FRANK L. JACQUES	1949
HARLAN C. BERRY - <i>deceased</i>	1949
LAWRENCE H. CUGINI	1949

**Constables**

BENJAMIN P. ADAMS	1949
MAURICE L. UPHAM	1949

**Chief of Fire Department and Forest Warden**  
**Inspector of Buildings and Inspector of Wires**

MAURICE L. UPHAM	1949
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**Assistant Inspector of Buildings and Wires**

CHARLES H. STIMPSON, JR.	1949
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**Registrars of Voters**

ALBERT R. SPEARE, Dem.	1950
JOHN J. CRONIN, Dem., <i>Chairman</i>	1951
MARIE C. NICHOLS, Rep.	1949
THE TOWN CLERK, ex officio	

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**  
**Pound Keeper and Keeper of Lockup**

J. SUMNER VILES	1949
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**Historical Committee**

GERTRUDE FISKE, <i>Chairman</i>	1950
EDWARD P. RIPLEY	1949
ALICE E. JONES (deceased)	1948
HENRY W. PATTERSON (to fill vacancy)	1951

**Burial Agent****Burial Agent for Veterans**

WINFRED A. MARTIN	1949
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**Board of Appeals**

ALFRED THOMAS	1949
JOSEPH B. HARTWELL	1951
DAVID A. PERRY	1950

**Associate Members:**

WALTER H. TRUMBULL	1949
MORTIMER T. FARLEY	1951
JOHN W. AYER	1950

**Director of Veterans' Services**

AUSTIN S. HALE	1949
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**Veterans' Agent**

WM. R. DEWEY, JR.	1949
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**Advisory Board in Department of Veterans' Services**

JOHN W. AYER  
 CHARLES D. GRAY  
 DR. CHARLES A. JANEWAY  
 JULIUS H. MUELLER, JR.  
 ARTHUR A. NICHOLS  
 HENRY W. PATTERSON  
 RALPH F. SLAYTON  
 ROBERT W. STARMER  
 EVERETT M. STUDLEY  
 REV. LEO E. SULLIVAN  
 HOMER N. SWEET - *deceased*  
 A. H. TEITTINEN  
 WALTER H. TRUMBULL  
 DR. F. VAN NUYS

**Bulletin Committee**

MRS. JOSEPH B. HARTWELL	1951
MRS. RUSSELL L. DORRANCE	1951
MRS. WILLIAM L. CAFFREY (Resigned)	1951
MRS. ISABEL T. TAYLOR (to fill vacancy)	1951
MRS. EDWARD W. RAYNER	1949
CHARLES O. RICHARDSON, JR. (Resigned)	1949
WILLIAM P. COUES, JR. (to fill vacancy)	1949
MRS. C. RICHARD SODERBERG	1949
HENRY W. PATTERSON	1950
F. F. PETERSON	1950
MRS. FRANKSFORD SUMNER	1950

## APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

### Finance Committee

EVERETT M. STUDLEY, <i>Chairman</i>	1951
EARL H. EACKER	1949
G. KENNARD WAKEFIELD	1949
CHARLES M. GANSON	1950
STANLEY G. FRENCH	1949
CHARLES G. SQUIBB	1950
HOWARD GAMBRILL, JR.	1950
RICHARD H. FIELD	1951
ASA B. FOSTER	1951

### Memorial Day Committee

VINCENT H. MELONE	1949
HAROLD W. MARTIN	1949
EDITH T. CHAUNCEY	1949
EDWARD C. CUTLER	1949
THOMAS E. RUSH	1949

### Special School Building Committee

(Appointed under Article 1 of warrant for June 25, 1946,  
Special Town Meeting.)

EDWARD B. HUBBARD, *Chairman*  
JOHN G. BROOKS, *Secretary*  
MARJORY L. BLANEY  
ARTHUR A. NICHOLS  
CHARLES O. RICHARDSON

### Veterans' Housing Board

(Appointed Under Article 16 of Warrant for March 15, 1948)

RICHARD P. HOLLAND *Chairman*  
EDWARD R. LANGENBACH  
ROBERT J. WILKES  
D. STEPHEN THRALL  
LEONARD H. DOWSE

### Special Advisor to Veterans' Housing Board

(Not a Member of the Board)

EARL H. EACKER



# APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

## Agent of the Board of Health

CURTIS M. HILLIARD 1949

## Inspector of Slaughtering and Inspector of Animals

DR. PAUL R. GRANHOLM 1949

## Inspector of Plumbing

HAROLD B. COLPITTS 1949

## Sanitary Inspector

HAROLD S. HANKS 1949

## Agents to Issue Burial Permits

FRANCIS BLAKE 1949

MARGARET E. BERRY 1949

MURIEL R. VITTUM 1949

WM. R. DEWEY, JR. 1949

## Commissioner, East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project

DONALDSON R. McMULLIN

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Senators in Congress

{ LEVERETT SALTONSTALL OF NEWTON  
HENRY CABOT LODGE OF BEVERLY

Representative in Congress

HAROLD D. DONOHUE OF WORCESTER

Councillor

OTIS M. WHITNEY OF CONCORD

State Senator

CHARLES W. OLSEN OF ASHLAND

Representatives in General Court

{ G. CHAUNCEY COUSENS  
WILLIAM E. HAYS

## CALENDAR

**SELECTMEN**—First Wednesday of each month, 8 P.M., at the Town House. Waltham 5-0317.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**—First Tuesday of each month, 8 P.M., at the High School. Open to public if requested in advance. Waltham 5-0567.

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**—Meetings by appointment. Call Edward P. Ripley, Chairman. Waltham 5-0317.

**WATER COMMISSIONERS**—Meetings by appointment. Call O. A. Schlaikjer, Secretary. Waltham 5-0463.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**—Second Tuesday of each month, 7:15 P.M. Dr. Van Nuys, Chairman. Waltham 5-0022.

**VETERANS' ADISORY BOARD**—Meetings by appointment. Austin S. Hale, Director of Veterans' Services. Waltham 5-2724.

BOARD OF APPEALS	{	Alfred Thomas, Chairman	Waltham 5-2604
		Joseph B. Hartwell	Waltham 5-3436
		David A. Perry	Waltham 5-1419

PLANNING BOARD	{	Donald D. Reynolds, Chairman	Waltham 5-1110
		E. Olsen Field	Waltham 5-1938
		Albert B. Hunt	Waltham 5-4979
		David Blaney	Wellesley 5-2975
		W. Brownell Freeman	Waltham 5-3977

**TREASURER and COLLECTOR** —50 Newton St., Waltham 5-1832, except Thursday 8:30 A.M.—12 Noon, Town Hall, Waltham 5-0317.



# STATISTICS

	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
†Population		3,590		4,375			4,473			
Number of Voters	2,001		2,189	2,427	2,181	2,571	2,355	2,563	2,384	2,665
Number of Assessed Polls	1,494	1,512	1,548	1,529	1,450	1,529	1,609	1,619	1,571	1,513
Number of Dwelling Houses	945	982	998	1,016	1,019	1,017	1,016	1,024	1,037	1,057
School Membership (average)	619	633	620	632	645	629	635	650	701	694
Valuation Real Estate	\$9,627,375	\$9,631,400	\$9,624,150	\$9,982,115	\$9,800,715	\$9,715,955	\$9,786,625.00	10,039,325.00	10,562,075.00	11,189,800.00
Valuation Personal Property	941,003	993,917	906,932	899,343	906,654	943,229	946,732.50	946,206.00	1,021,216.80	1,019,536.00
Total Assessed Valuation	\$10,568,378	\$10,625,317	\$10,731,082	\$10,881,458	\$10,707,369	\$10,659,184	\$10,733,357.50	\$10,985,531.00	\$11,583,291.80	\$12,209,336.00
State Income Tax	\$20,821	\$23,398	\$26,628	\$31,625	\$31,945	\$35,734.00	\$31,327.57	\$32,326.23	\$32,326.23	18,955.10
Corporation Tax	215	1,605	3,644	7,935	14,553	22,758.29	15,991.94	16,621.50	16,621.50	16,216.20
Gasoline Tax	15,227	15,227	16,542	16,542	—	12,890.99	12,365.99	9,488.63	9,488.63	10,920.00
Received	\$36,263	\$40,230	\$46,814	\$56,102	\$46,498	\$71,383.28	\$59,695.50	\$58,436.36	\$58,436.36	\$46,091.30
State Tax	\$27,180	\$24,160	\$26,235	\$23,850	\$7,950	\$21,175.00	\$11,900.00	\$9,100.00	\$9,100.00	
Metropolitan Tax	4,674	4,644	3,349	3,289	3,082	2,886.92	2,970.14	3,604.58	3,786.34	3,581.40
•County Tax	15,566	15,803	17,570	15,046	14,694	16,656.46	17,026.77	19,922.31	24,295.59	22,766.32
Paid	\$47,420	\$44,607	\$47,154	\$42,185	\$25,706	\$40,718.38	\$31,896.91	\$32,626.89	\$37,181.83	\$26,347.72
Town Debt	\$273,000	\$238,000	\$255,000	\$221,000	\$186,000	\$170,000	\$143,000	\$239,000.00	\$215,000.00	\$1,072,000.00
Tax Rate	\$22.50	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$24.50	\$27.50	\$30.50

•Includes assessments for Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital.  
 1940 (Federal Census); 1942 (Census taken by Committee on Public Safety); 1945 State Census.  
 Total area of Town—Approximately 16.8 sq. mi.  
 Greatest extent north and south Approx. 6 mi.  
 Greatest extent east and west Approx. 3.7 mi.

# WARRANT

## FOR THE

# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

# 1949

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Middlesex, ss.

To any Constable of the Town of Weston, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the twenty-first day of March, 1949, at 12 o'clock noon to act on Article 1 of this warrant; and to meet in said Town Hall on the same date at 8 o'clock p.m. then and there to act upon the remaining articles of this warrant.

The polls for the election of town officers will be opened at 12 o'clock noon and may be closed at 7:45 p.m.

*Article 1.* To bring in their votes for the following town officers to be voted for on one ballot:

	For term of
A moderator	One Year
One selectman	Three Years
One member of the board of public welfare	Three Years
One assessor	Three Years
Two members of the school committee	Three Years
One member of the school committee	One Year
A treasurer and collector	One Year
One library trustee	Three Years
One trustee of the Merriam Fund	Three Years
One park commissioner	Three Years
One cemetery commissioner	Three Years
One member of the board of health	Three Years
One commissioner of trust funds	Three Years
One water commissioner	Three Years
One member of the planning board	Five Years
Two members of the recreation commission	Three Years
One member of the recreation commission (to fill vacancy)	Two Years
A tree warden	One Year
Three measurers of lumber	One Year

*Article 2.* To hear and act upon reports of town officers and committees.

*Article 3.* To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the costs of government and other town charges for the current year; and to fix the salaries and compensation of elected officers of the Town for the current year.

*Article 4.* To authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew or refund any note or notes given for a period of less than one year in accordance with chapter 44 of the General Laws.

*Article 5.* To appropriate money from overlay reserve to be used as a reserve fund.

*Article 6.* To authorize the assessors to make deductions on account of available funds in the treasury in determining the annual assessment of taxes in the current year.

*Article 7.* To appropriate for the support of the Public Library the dog license refund received in the current year.

*Article 8.* To appropriate for laying or relaying water mains certain sums already paid to the Town by applicants for water main installations.

*Article 9.* To appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum or sums of money in anticipation of state and county reimbursement for chapter 90 highway maintenance and construction.

*Article 10.* To determine the Saturdays during the current year on which the public offices at the Town Hall may remain closed.

*Article 11.* To accept and allow a layout of Nash Lane as a public town way made by an order of the selectmen dated March 2, 1949, on file in the office of the town clerk.

*Article 12.* To accept chapter 588 of the Acts of 1948 providing for an increase in the amount of the pensions or retirement allowances of certain retired former employees of the Town or their beneficiaries.

*Article 13.* To appropriate money for mosquito control, to be deposited with the State Reclamation Board for credit to the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project under chapter 252 of the General Laws.



*Article 14.* To take any action, including appropriation of money, respecting existing school buildings and plant and the equipment, furnishings and facilities thereof.

*Article 15.* To authorize purchase of a high pressure fire fighting fog truck and equipment thereof, and to appropriate money for such purchase.

*Article 16.* To authorize placing in the Town Hall a plaque or plaques commemorating the citizens of the Town who served in the Armed Forces in World War II, and to appropriate money for such purpose.

*Article 17.* To authorize sale and conveyance of the land and buildings of the Town situated at the corner of Park Road and South Avenue, or any part thereof, and to determine the disposition of the proceeds of such a sale.

*Article 18.* To take action to recognize the flagpole to be erected at the new high school as a contribution to the children of the Town by the wartime children's exchange branch of the committee on public safety.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting three attested copies thereof, at the Town House, at the Kendal Green railroad station and on the town bulletin board at the junction of South Avenue and Newton Street and Park Road, seven days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the selectmen at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands March 2, 1949.

WM. R. DEWEY, Jr.  
RAYMOND W. COBURN  
J. ROBERT AYERS  
Selectmen of the Town of Weston

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

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With the conclusion of the year 1948, it has become evident that Weston could no longer be considered a small rural town but a fast developing residential suburb bordering upon several completely developed municipalities from which can be expected an increasing population overflow. This will result in an inevitable increase in the number of houses in the Town and an increasing demand for public services.

In the current year, members of the Board and the Finance Committee have worked closely with the various Town Departments, and have done everything possible to avoid unnecessary expenditures and insure full value for the amount appropriated for required services. For operating purposes only, the budget, as submitted to the Town, shows a total increase of about \$25,000 over the amounts appropriated in 1948. The greatest increase again occurs in school appropriations. The aggregate for all departments, except schools, is about \$5,000 less than in 1948, which means that the increase for operating the School Department is about \$30,000.

Added to the requirements for operating expense is the amount which the Town is committed to pay for bond retirement and interest amounting to a little over \$88,000 for schools and \$27,000 for water bonds. These amounts, added to the net increase in the operating expense, indicate, on the basis of available information as to receipts which the Town may expect from various sources, a very substantial increase in the tax rate for 1949. Exclusive of other items which may appear in special articles at the Annual Town Meeting, it would appear that an increase of \$10.00 in the tax rate is inevitable.

In recent years, both the Selectmen and the Finance Committee have repeatedly pointed out that a substantial increase was certain unless the voters of the Town were willing either to accept less in the way of services or would be more insistent that *all* departments practice economy and make full use of existing facilities. On several occasions, it has been suggested that a distorted picture of the forthcoming budget had been presented to the Town in an attempt to force down expenditures and that the final tax rates established by the Assessors have not approached the figures indicated. In the current year, unless the Assessors are able to find large sources of additional revenue before they establish the tax rate, there is little doubt that the 1949 tax rate will equal the estimate.

In view of the fact that the operating budget of the School Department is about 45% of the total operating budget, it is felt that the voters of the Town are entitled to some explanation of the failure to reduce requests, since the Selectmen are responsible for submitting

the budget. The Board acknowledges its complete inability to have any effect upon appropriations for schools. With a very few minor variations, the School Department Budget will be presented as prepared and submitted by the School Committee. State law specifies courses of education required of towns. The School Committee has the right to establish in its budget such recommendations for salaries and operating expenses as it sees fit for such purposes. Any reduction, arbitrary or otherwise, made by those who have the responsibility for reviewing the budget or even by the voters themselves in a Town Meeting, may be restored upon application to the courts. The Selectmen do not feel that the Town should take such risk by recommending any reductions, even though the members of the Board feel that the expenditures are excessive, particularly in view of the fact that we are informed that among all cities and towns in Massachusetts having high schools, Weston now has the highest cost per pupil except for Brookline. The School Budget is, therefore, submitted to the Town without recommendation and any hope of reduction must depend upon the membership of the School Committee, *before* rather than *after* the submission of their budget.

Except for the replacement of motor vehicles, the purchase of new furniture for the Town Hall and a few pieces of small equipment for the Highway Department, there are no requests included in the budget, as presented, for capital outlays. It should be pointed out again to the Town that, in the opinion of the Selectmen, the next substantial capital expenditure should be for a municipal garage to house under one roof all the activities of the Highway Department. It now operates from three separate locations far removed from each other in obsolete buildings, with storage facilities at still two other locations. It is a source of continual surprise that the Department is able to provide the excellent service that it has given the Town in view of the cramped and unheated quarters from which operations are carried on. Because of greater demands in other departments, the building of a new garage has been postponed. To postpone it much longer will result in increased unnecessary expense due to inefficient operation.

As a result of the changed character of the Town mentioned in the first paragraph of this report, there has been a large increase in the volume of business being conducted at the Town House. The time has come when an additional full time clerical employee must be added to the Town House staff to help carry the existing load and to assist other departments which heretofore have been without clerical help except on an occasional part time basis.

A careful analysis of the proposed budget makes it apparent that the Town can no longer be operated efficiently by a series of disconnected departments and committees. The increased services provided by the various departments require a greater amount of day to day supervision and coordination than it is possible for any elected



member of the Board, however willing he may be, to provide. The Finance Committee for several years has pointed out that there would be a substantial saving to the Town if purchasing of the various departments were consolidated. It is desirable that there should be a competent person available to answer questions on daily routine matters. The operating standards of the various departments should be under reasonably constant supervision. In other words, Weston has reached a point in development where the day to day operations, spending in the aggregate in a year \$600,000, should be more fully organized.

To this end, the Selectmen, with the approval of the Finance Committee, have included in the current budget a request for \$4,500 for a Town Accountant and Executive Secretary to the Board of Selectmen. (Of this amount, the Town would normally have appropriated \$2,250 for the services of the accountant alone.) With the approval of the Town, it is proposed to establish a full time position which it is thought will be most helpful to all departments, with tangible savings to the Town which will more than justify the increase in salary. The person selected for this position would have no legal authority, such as a legally constituted Town Manager would have. Basic legal responsibility would still remain in the Board of Selectmen and the Executive Secretary would carry out the policies decided upon by the Board of Selectmen.

This new position, if approved by the Town, would not be filled hurriedly and a search has already been started to find out if candidates educated and trained in public administration are available. The combination of the two positions of Town Accountant and Executive Secretary would appear to be a very logical one and is made possible at this particular time due to the fact that Mr. Robert Clive, the present Town Accountant, who has served the Town ably and faithfully for the last three years, is no longer able to continue because of the demands made upon him by his private business. If the new position is established, it is the hope of the Selectmen that those agencies of the Town which do not come under the jurisdiction of the Board will feel free to make use of the services of the Executive Secretary so that as nearly as possible a unified and efficiently managed Town Government will be established.

# **Appropriations and Expenditures for 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948 and Appropriations Recommended for 1949**

Title of Accounts		1945	1946	1947	1948	Recom- mendations for 1949 with Balances
<b>General Government</b>						
Selectmen .....	App.	\$750.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	—	—
	Exp.	693.14	666.53	536.45	—	—
Chairman's Salary .....	App.	—	—	—	200.00	200.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	200.00	—
2nd Member's Salary .....	App.	—	—	—	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	100.00	—
3rd Member's Salary .....	App.	—	—	—	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	100.00	—
Expenses .....	App.	—	—	—	300.00	300.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	211.51	—
Finance Committee .....	App.	100.00	100.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	25.60	26.00	29.00	10.00	—
Town Accountant .....	App.	2,400.00	2,750.00	2,100.00	2,250.00	—
	Exp.	2,144.93	2,632.54	1,793.90	2,042.05	—
Town Accountant and Executive Secretary .....		—	—	—	—	—
Salary .....	App.	—	—	—	—	4,275.00
Expense .....	App.	—	—	—	—	225.00
Treasurer and Collector .....	App.	3,800.00	3,800.00	4,000.00	—	—
	Transfers	—	—	151.71	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	189.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	3,429.21	3,988.16	4,151.71	—	—
Salary .....	App.	—	—	—	3,150.00	3,150.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	3,150.00	—
Expense .....	App.	—	—	—	1,900.00	1,900.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	1,900.00	—
Assessors .....	App.	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	—	—
	Transfers	—	145.86	—	—	—
	Exp.	980.78	1,145.86	1,126.20	—	—
Chairman's Salary .....	App.	—	—	—	500.00	500.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	500.00	—
2nd Member's Salary .....	App.	—	—	—	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	100.00	—
3rd Member's Salary .....	App.	—	—	—	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	100.00	—
Expenses .....	App.	—	—	—	800.00	1,060.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	798.31	—
Town Clerk .....	App.	375.00	375.00	400.00	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	85.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	310.89	285.37	399.57	—	—
Salary .....	App.	—	—	—	150.00	150.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	150.00	—
Expense .....	App.	—	—	—	250.00	250.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	249.79	—
Clerk of Committees .....	App.	3,350.00	3,600.00	3,900.00	4,300.00	6,000.00
	Exp.	3,338.66	3,598.66	3,833.32	4,085.00	—

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General Government—Cont.						
Law .....	App.	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	1,700.00	3,000.00
	Exp.	675.00	1,435.36	1,779.68	1,669.92	—
Election and Registration	App.	750.00	1,000.00	750.00	1,200.00	750.00
	Transfers	—	112.96	—	—	—
Town Hall .....	Exp.	570.82	1,112.96	559.40	1,104.11	—
	App.	7,500.00	7,500.00	8,000.00	16,475.00	14,000.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	657.64	378.67	178.42	4,670.76
	Exp.	4,524.51	8,058.61	8,170.46	11,982.66	—
Committee to report on Standing Votes and By- laws .....		Bal. Jan. 1	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Total General Govt.	App.	21,725.00	22,325.00	23,100.00	33,625.00	36,210.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	585.00	1,346.64	878.67	678.42	5,170.76
	Transfers	—	258.82	151.71	—	—
	Exp.	16,693.54	22,950.05	22,379.69	28,453.35	—
Health and Sanitation						
Board of Health .....	App.	2,050.00	2,150.00	2,825.00	—	—
Chairman's Salary .....	App.	—	—	—	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	50.00	—
2nd Member's Salary...	App.	—	—	—	25.00	25.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	25.00	—
3rd Member's Salary....	App.	—	—	—	25.00	25.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	25.00	—
Expenses .....	App.	—	—	—	3,125.00	3,500.00
	Transfer	—	—	450.00	—	—
	Exp.	1,289.90	1,657.35	2,876.48	2,919.58	—
Cooperating Boards of Health .....	App.	1,555.00	1,826.00	1,861.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
	Transfers	—	—	25.00	—	—
	Exp.	1,550.34	1,810.09	1,774.78	1,855.45	—
Inspection of School Children .....	App.	600.00	675.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
	Exp.	500.00	675.00	900.00	780.00	—
School Nurse .....	App.	1,500.00	1,575.00	1,800.00	1,825.00	1,890.00
	Exp.	1,500.00	1,574.97	1,800.00	1,825.00	—
Mosquito Control						
East Middlesex Project ...	App.	—	—	4,500.00	5,000.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	1,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	1,000.00	—	4,500.00	5,000.00	—
Total for Health and Sanitation .....	App.	5,705.00	6,226.00	11,886.00	13,250.00	8,690.00
	Transfers	—	—	475.00	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	1,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	5,840.24	5,717.41	11,851.26	8,480.03	—



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<b>Protection of Persons and Property</b>						
Police Dept., Maintenance:						
Salaries .....	App.	14,350.00	17,260.00	19,920.00	21,725.00	22,400.00
	Exp.	13,688.24	15,659.72	18,944.58	20,663.69	—
Other Expense .....	App.	1,875.00	2,375.00	2,600.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Exp.	1,426.05	2,359.43	2,552.62	2,967.66	—
Out of State Travel.....	App.	—	—	1,000.00	—	—
	Exp.	—	—	761.00	—	—
Total Maintenance .....	App.	16,225.00	19,635.00	23,520.00	24,725.00	25,400.00
	Exp.	15,160.29	18,019.15	22,258.20	23,631.35	—
Police Dept. Equipment and Apparatus .....	App.	850.00	1,500.00	1,300.00	2,300.00	2,500.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	2,164.20	1,046.60	736.39	234.58	5.25
	Exp.	1,967.60	1,810.21	1,801.81	2,529.33	—
Police Dept. Land for Station .....	App.	2,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Bal.	—	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Fire Dept., Maintenance						
Salaries .....	App.	11,750.00	13,790.00	15,594.00	20,229.00	21,800.00
	Transfers	59.43	556.50	1,337.27	—	—
	Exp.	11,597.73	14,346.06	16,931.27	20,227.94	—
Other Expenses .....	App.	4,550.00	4,849.00	4,900.00	4,940.00	2,500.00
	Exp.	4,609.43	4,836.01	4,864.46	4,940.00	—
Total Maintenance .....	App.	16,300.00	18,639.00	20,494.00	25,169.00	24,300.00
	Transfers	59.43	556.50	1,337.27	—	—
	Exp.	16,207.16	19,182.07	21,795.73	25,167.94	—
Fire Dept. Equipment and Apparatus .....	App.	18,110.00	2,750.00	1,385.00	1,750.00	2,100.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	17,219.21	18,715.81	518.82	5.57
	Exp.	890.79	1,253.40	19,581.99	2,264.37	—
Hydrant Service .....	App.	8,800.00	9,000.00	7,200.00	7,500.00	7,980.00
	Exp.	8,660.00	8,740.00	6,472.50	6,290.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	160.00	500.00
Sealer of Weights and and Measures .....	App.	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
	Exp.	6.37	12.60	18.68	12.00	—
Moth Extermination .....	App.	1,500.00	4,000.00	2,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Exp.	1,245.29	2,979.62	1,113.03	2,191.50	—
Tree Warden .....	App.	1,000.00	2,500.00	3,000.00	4,000.00	4,500.00
	Exp.	493.30	2,498.99	2,969.94	4,000.00	—
Building Inspector .....	App.	50.00	100.00	150.00	150.00	650.00
	Exp.	34.09	97.16	120.66	150.00	—
Committee on Public Safety .....	Bal. Jan. 1	1,647.28	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	462.83	—	—	—	—
Total Protection of Per- sons and Property .....	App.	64,860.00	58,149.00	59,574.00	68,619.00	70,455.00
	Transfers	59.43	556.50	1,337.27	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	3,811.48	20,265.81	21,452.20	2,913.40	2,505.57
	Exp.	45,081.72	54,593.20	76,132.54	66,236.49	—

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<b>Highways and Bridges</b>						
<b>General Maintenance:</b>						
Salaries .....	App.	15,000.00	19,050.00	26,550.00	30,600.00	31,000.00
	Transfers	600.00	369.23	—	—	—
	Exp.	15,376.44	19,419.23	23,106.36	30,011.03	—
Other Expenses .....	App.	15,700.00	16,600.00	19,400.00	27,100.00	26,000.00
	Transfers	—	367.44	3,659.79	—	—
	Exp.	14,566.33	16,967.44	23,050.77	27,100.00	—
Total General Maintenance .....	App.	30,700.00	35,650.00	45,950.00	57,700.00	57,000.00
	Transfers	600.00	736.67	3,659.79	—	—
	Exp.	29,942.77	36,386.67	46,157.13	56,929.98	—
Maintenance Chap. 90....	App.	900.00	1,000.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	1,000.00
	Receipts	1,660.78	2,000.00*	1,000.00*	1,000.00	—
	Exp.	2,491.15	1,794.53	1,491.86	—	—
Chapter 90, Construction	App.	—	—	7,000.00	7,500.00	5,000.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	28,000.00	16,222.93
	Receipts	—	—	—	22,500.00	—
	Exp.	—	—	—	41,777.07	—
Highway Equipment .....	App.	9,000.00	800.00	3,500.00	11,850.00	2,200.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	8,780.00	2,780.10	99.68	417.26
	Exp.	220.00	6,799.90	6,180.42	11,532.42	—
Sidewalks .....	App.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	—	—
	Exp.	862.78	984.64	963.66	—	—
Highway Land Takings...	App.	—	2,000.00	2,000.00	—	3,000.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	1,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	—	—
Street Lighting .....	App.	10,000.00	10,200.00	10,450.00	11,000.00	11,300.00
	Exp.	9,996.13	10,125.42	10,395.90	10,532.06	—
Public Dump .....	App.	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
	Exp.	1,333.41	1,323.78	1,348.00	1,333.99	—
Total for Highways.....	App.	53,000.00	52,050.00	71,800.00	89,950.00	80,400.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	1,000.00	9,780.00	5,780.10	12,099.68	17,640.19
	Transfers	600.00	736.67	3,659.79	—	—
	Receipts	1,660.78	2,000.00	1,000.00	23,500.00	—
	Exp.	44,846.24	57,414.94	66,536.97	79,328.45	—

\* Receipts for 1944, 1946 and 1947 are estimated on basis of appropriation; actual receipts for 1944—\$820.64; 1946—\$891.56; 1947 remains estimated at \$1,000.00.

Title of Accounts		1945	1946	1947	1948	Recommendations for 1949 with Balances
<b>Public Welfare</b>						
Dependent Aid						
Administrative .....	App.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	600.00	500.00
	Exp.	988.80	979.69	984.89	592.44	—
Dependent Aid .....	App.	6,000.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	Exp.	5,522.14	5,444.69	5,425.58	5,548.41	—
Board of Public Welfare..						
Chairman's Salary .....	App.	—	—	—	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	50.00	—
2nd Members Salary....	App.	—	—	—	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	50.00	—
3rd Members Salary....	App.	—	—	—	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	50.00	—
Old Age Assistance						
Administrative .....	App.	750.00	1,000.00	1,250.00	1,650.00	1,100.00
	Exp.	727.10	990.06	1,242.55	1,057.97	—
Old Age Assistance.....	App.	7,700.00	10,700.00	14,000.00	11,000.00	10,000.00
	Transfers	300.00	1,000.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	7,939.09	11,632.99	12,189.47	9,746.05	—
Aid to Dependent Children Administrative ...	App.	250.00	250.00	250.00	100.00	—
	Exp.	228.54	236.96	246.22	—	—
Aid to Dependent Children .....	App.	1,300.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	—	—
	Exp.	1,267.10	1,096.80	188.70	—	—
Total for Public Welfare..	App.	17,000.00	20,850.00	24,400.00	19,500.00	17,750.00
	Transfers	300.00	1,000.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	16,672.73	20,381.19	20,277.41	17,094.87	—
Soldiers' Benefits	App.	1,000.00	1,000.00	200.00	850.00	500.00
	Exp.	—	40.00	—	556.23	—



Title of Accounts		1945	1946	1947	1948	Recommendations for 1949 with Balances
<b>Schools</b>						
Salaries .....	App.	86,000.00	103,900.00	128,500.00	147,325.00	175,777.00
	Exp.	82,213.22	103,217.27	128,215.40	146,608.52	—
Maintenance, Repair, and Other Expenses....	App.	33,700.00	41,700.00	37,500.00	58,652.00	38,943.01
	Transfers	—	2,621.85	—	—	—
	Exp.	33,010.99	44,330.55	37,446.03	58,139.12	—
Heating Plant .....	Bal. Jan. 1	1,390.62	—	—	—	—
Transportation .....	App.	—	—	—	—	18,500.00
Vocational Education ....	App.	600.00	850.00	800.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Transfers	—	6.75	120.20	—	—
	Exp.	598.92	856.75	920.20	955.76	—
Out of State Travel.....	App.	—	200.00	125.00	250.00	300.00
	Exp.	—	27.34	42.15	250.00	—
New England School Development Council ....	App.	—	—	75.00	85.00	90.00
	Exp.	—	—	71.90	80.00	—
Removal of Debris at for- mer Case House.....	Transfer	—	—	748.38	—	—
	Exp.	—	—	748.38	—	—
Repairs and Alterations to former Case House....	App.	—	5,000.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	4,818.13	—	—	—
Temporary Classrooms ...	App.	—	—	6,000.00	—	—
	Exp.	—	—	5,133.84	—	—
Special School						
Investigating Committee..	App.	—	5,000.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	1,598.45	—	—	—
Purchase of Land for School and Recreational Purposes .....	App.	—	10,100.00	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	100.00	—	—
	Exp.	—	10,000.00	100.00	—	—
Lunchroom Salaries .....	App.	—	—	5,200.00	2,800.00	4,500.00
	Exp.	—	—	5,103.80	2,762.10	—
Lunchroom Expenses .....	App.	—	—	21,300.00	10,500.00	12,000.00
	Exp.	—	—	15,600.14	10,200.54	—
<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS .....</b>	App.	120,300.00	172,750.00	199,500.00	220,812.00	251,310.01
	Bal. Jan. 1	1,390.62	—	100.00	—	—
	Transfers	—	2,628.60	868.58	—	—
	Exp.	115,823.13	164,848.49	198,797.35	218,996.04	—
School Building Committee	App.	—	6,000.00	—	25,000.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	6,000.00	584.49	—
	Exp.	—	—	5,415.51	584.49	—
School Restoration Committee .....	App.	—	—	—	203,039.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	12,855.41
	Exp.	—	—	—	190,183.59	—
<b>Outlays to be Financed by Bond Issue—</b>						
New School Building.....	App.	—	494,000.00	—	400,000.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	494,000.00	494,000.00	724,464.17
	Exp.	—	—	—	169,535.83	—

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<b>Libraries</b>						
Salaries .....	App.	—	—	8,750.00	9,000.00	10,300.00
	Exp.	—	—	8,445.04	8,997.65	—
Other Expenses .....	App.	—	—	3,665.00	2,375.00	2,900.00
	Receipts	—	—	1,211.96	1,218.70	—
	Exp.	—	—	4,801.69	3,211.08	—
Library Incidentals .....	App.	6,750.00	9,168.00	—	—	—
	Receipts	1,189.92	1,132.12	—	—	—
	Transfers	28.29	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	7,968.21	10,034.76	—	—	—
Books & Periodicals .....	App.	—	—	—	900.00	1,500.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	889.52	—
Maintenance & Repair .....	App.	—	—	—	500.00	1,400.00
	Transfer	—	—	—	49.90	—
	Exp.	—	—	—	549.90	—
Equipment .....	App.	—	—	—	500.00	500.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	478.14	—
Total for Libraries .....	App.	6,750.00	9,168.00	12,415.00	13,275.00	16,600.00
	Receipts	1,189.92	1,132.12	1,211.96	1,218.70	—
	Transfers	28.29	—	—	49.90	—
	Exp.	7,968.21	10,034.76	13,246.73	14,126.29	—

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<b>Recreation</b>						
Recreation Committee .....	App.	5,000.00	6,175.00	4,775.00	4,700.00	5,000.00
	Exp.	3,009.73	5,789.72	4,146.50	4,499.03	—
Park Department .....	App.	100.00	100.00	500.00	520.00	700.00
	Exp.	61.58	99.70	402.17	498.60	—
Survey of Weston Recreation .....	App.	—	—	1,225.00	300.00	—
	Exp.	—	—	1,172.29	—	—
Athletic Field Equipment and Maintenance .....	App.	300.00	500.00	500.00	1,100.00	550.00
	Exp.	214.33	385.96	431.71	959.52	—
Athletic Field Development .....	App.	—	1,000.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	983.77	—	—	—
Total for Recreation .....	App.	5,400.00	7,775.00	7,000.00	6,620.00	6,250.00
	Exp.	3,285.64	7,259.15	6,152.67	5,975.15	—

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<b>Unclassified</b>						
Memorial Day .....	App.	250.00	250.00	275.00	275.00	275.00
	Transfers	—	4.64	8.26	—	—
	Exp.	226.10	254.64	283.26	274.02	—
Town Reports .....	App.	1,300.00	1,554.00	1,644.92	1,850.00	1,850.00
	Transfers	47.14	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	1,311.14	1,553.93	1,644.92	1,828.60	—
Planning Board .....	App.	—	2,600.00	5,000.00	5,500.00	6,000.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	960.50	912.95	2,051.95	—	—
	Exp.	47.55	1,461.00	6,558.12	5,437.77	—
Planning Board Capital Outlay .....	App.	—	—	1,000.00	1,000.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	605.80	—
	Exp.	—	—	394.20	1,574.92	—
Insurance, Fire and Boiler	App.	1,200.00	2,475.00	2,300.00	2,850.00	6,000.00
	Transfer	—	—	34.37	—	—
	Exp.	1,160.96	2,413.00	2,334.37	2,753.59	—
Insurance, Workmen's Compensation .....	App.	1,000.00	900.00	1,500.00	1,100.00	1,500.00
	Exp.	821.17	730.00	931.86	1,089.80	—
Insurance Motor Vehicles	App.	900.00	1,050.00	1,650.00	1,550.00	1,800.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	339.43	—
	Exp.	784.90	921.60	1,065.77	1,437.83	—
Insurance, All Other .....	App.	500.00	800.00	500.00	200.00	275.00
	Exp.	193.37	756.04	20.24	26.27	—
Total Insurance .....	App.	3,600.00	5,225.00	5,950.00	5,700.00	9,575.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	339.43	—
	Exp.	2,960.40	4,820.64	4,352.24	5,307.49	—
Town Owned Houses .....	App.	—	—	—	—	1,500.00
Dwelling House Cutters Corner .....	App.	300.00	300.00	500.00	400.00	—
	Transfers	—	111.28	142.00	—	—
	Exp.	250.10	411.28	642.00	308.86	—
Veterans' Houses Maintenance .....	App.	—	—	—	1,000.00	—
	Exp.	—	—	—	1,000.00	—
Tax Possessions Maintenance .....	App.	—	—	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	1,300.00	1,006.26	596.02	376.02	376.02
	Exp.	293.74	410.24	220.00	—	—
Contributory Retirement Fund, Administrative ....	App.	100.00	50.00	50.00	65.00	65.00
	Transfers	100.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	100.00	50.00	50.00	63.00	—
Contributory Retirement Fund .....	App.	3,954.00	5,177.00	4,760.00	3,974.00	4,069.20
	Exp.	3,954.00	5,177.00	4,760.00	3,974.00	—
Committee to Study Clas- sification of Personnel and Salaries .....	Bal. Jan. 1	500.00	500.00	—	—	—



Title of Accounts		1945	1946	1947	1948	Recommendations for 1949 with Balances
<b>Unclassified (Con't.)</b>						
Honor Roll	Bal. Jan. 1	167.05	167.05	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	9.49	—	—	—
All other .....	App.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	4,100.00	1,000.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	606.33	300.67	—
	Transfers	500.00	—	—	638.91	—
	Exp.	1,243.00	391.36	1,305.66	4,738.91	—
Town Bulletin .....	App.	400.00	800.00	800.00	900.00	1,000.00
	Exp.	326.79	605.39	764.34	787.33	—
Stabilization Fund .....	App.	—	10,000.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	—	—	—	—
	Trans. to Investment Funds ...	—	10,000.00	—	—	—
Director of Veterans' Services:						
Salaries .....	App.	—	—	300.00	300.00	300.00
	Transfers	—	125.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	125.00	300.00	300.00	—
Expenses .....	App.	—	—	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Transfers	—	125.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	8.40	70.98	10.55	—
Razing No. Ave. School- house .....	App.	—	500.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	164.80	—	—	—
Committee to Investigate Veterans' Housing .....	App.	—	—	750.00	1,000.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	532.01	334.82
	Exp.	—	—	217.99	1,197.19	—
Veterans' Housing .....	App.	—	—	7,500.00	600.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	4,115.25	—
	Exp.	—	—	3,384.75	4,715.25	—
Total Unclassified .....	App.	10,804.00	27,456.00	29,629.92	25,564.00	25,734.20
	Receipts	—	—	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	2,967.05	2,586.26	3,254.30	5,663.38	—
	Transfers	547.14	365.92	184.63	638.91	—
	Exp.	10,712.82	15,610.22	25,248.46	31,317.89	—
	Trans. to Investment Funds ...	—	10,000.00	—	—	—

Title of Accounts		1945	1946	1947	1948	Recommendations for 1949 with Balances
<b>Water Department</b>						
(Except Bond Issues)						
Water Comm. Salaries						
Chairman .....	App.	—	—	—	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	100.00	—
2nd Member's Salary ...	App.	—	—	—	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	100.00	—
3rd Member's Salary ...	App.	—	—	—	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	100.00	—
Maintenance:						
Salaries .....	App.	8,000.00	9,000.00	10,000.00	10,400.00	12,345.00
	Exp.	6,510.14	5,254.69	8,243.96	9,161.90	—
Expenses .....	App.	7,000.00	10,000.00	8,000.00	16,400.00	12,450.00
	Exp.	6,400.76	8,242.05	8,404.58	13,695.06	—
Equipment and Apparatus	App.	—	—	—	—	300.00
Total Maintenance .....	App.	15,000.00	19,000.00	18,000.00	27,000.00	—
	Exp.	12,910.90	13,496.74	16,648.54	23,156.96	—
Interest on Debt .....	App.	1,942.50	1,625.00	2,505.00	2,200.00	1,812.50
	Transfers	—	615.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	1,942.50	2,240.00	2,505.00	2,200.00	—
Engineering Survey, Advice and Appraisals with respect to Development of Water System .....	App.	3,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	3,000.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	3,000.00	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL WATER (Except Bond Issue)</b>						
	App.	19,942.50	20,625.00	20,505.00	29,505.00	27,207.50
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	3,000.00	—	—	—
	Transfers	—	615.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	14,853.40	18,736.74	19,153.54	25,356.96	—
<b>Outlays of Water Dept. Financed by Bond Issues and Post-War Rehabilitation Fund</b>						
Additional Water Mains ..	App.	—	—	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	5,116.33	4,909.10	4,608.47	—	—
	Exp.	207.23	300.63	4,608.47	—	—
Water Standpipe and Mains .....	App.	—	123,000.00	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	69,189.93	4,088.34	—
	Transfers	—	12,800.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	66,610.07	65,101.59	—	—
Blanket Extensions .....	App.	—	—	25,000.00	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	25,000.00	7,455.89
	Exp.	—	—	—	21,632.45	—
Totals from Loans (and in 1946 from Post-War Rehabilitation Fund) ....	App.	—	123,000.00	25,000.00	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	5,116.33	4,909.10	73,798.40	29,088.34	7,455.89
	Transfers	—	12,800.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	207.23	66,910.70	69,710.06	21,632.45	—

Title of Accounts		1945	1946	1947	1948	Recommendations for 1949 with Balances
Burial Grounds .....	App.	6,400.00	6,400.00	—	—	—
	Receipts	1,365.86	1,354.01	—	—	—
	Exp.	7,853.22	7,728.94	—	—	—
Salaries .....	App.	—	—	6,600.00	7,380.00	7,885.00
	Receipts	—	—	1,178.10	883.07	—
	Exp.	—	—	7,778.10	8,263.07	—
Expense .....	App.	—	—	1,225.00	525.00	525.00
	Receipts	—	—	280.79	578.89	—
	Exp.	—	—	1,455.95	1,054.03	—
Total Burial Grounds.....	App.	—	—	7,825.00	7,905.00	8,410.00
	Receipts	—	—	1,458.89	1,461.96	—
	Exp.	—	—	9,234.05	9,317.10	—
Interest .....	App.	2,375.00	2,050.00	1,580.00	1,400.00	18,520.00
	Exp.	2,318.58	1,946.09	1,580.00	1,400.00	—
<b>Reserve Fund</b>						
Trans. from Overlay Reserve						
	App.	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	5,979.01	7,311.19
		—	—	—	2,020.99	688.81



## RECAPITULATION

	1945	1946	1947	1948	Recommendations for 1949 with Balances
<b>Totals, except Bond Issues</b>					
Appropriations Recommended*	—	—	—	—	568,725.52
Appropriations Voted at Annual and Special Town Meetings*	335,261.50	406,824.00	469,414.92	537,490.99	—
Transfers .....	1,534.86	6,161.51	6,676.98	688.81	—
Receipts .....	4,216.56	4,486.13	2,670.85	2,618.00	—
Balances, Jan. 1 .....	10,754.15	36,978.71	47,465.27	21,939.37	—
Total Available .....	351,767.07	454,435.55	525,978.02	562,687.27	—
Total Expenditures .....	291,949.47	387,261.18	470,590.67	507,069.31	—
<b>Outlays Financed, or to be Financed, by Bond Issues (and in 1946 from Post-War Rehabilitation Fund)</b>					
Appropriations .....	—	617,000.00	25,000.00	400,000.00	—
Transfer from Post-War Rehabilitation Fund .....	—	12,800.00	—	—	—
Other Transfers .....	—	—	—	—	—
Balance, Jan. 1 .....	5,116.33	4,909.10	567,798.40	523,088.34	731,920.06
Total Available .....	5,116.33	634,709.10	69,710.06	923,088.34	—
Outlays .....	207.23	66,910.70	592,798.40	191,168.28	—

## OTHER PAYMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW

	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
Maturing Debt.					
Water Bonds .....	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	23,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$27,000.00
School Bonds .....	12,000.00	12,000.00	11,000.00	10,000.00	70,000.00
Total Maturing Debt..	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	34,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$97,000.00
State Charges:					
State Tax .....	11,900.00	9,100.00	9,100.00	—	—
Metropolitan Parks, Maintenance .....	1,320.66	2,295.26	2,480.58	2,381.70	3,966.92
Charles River Basin, Maintenance .....	616.04	1,074.67	1,094.70	956.88	1,866.23
Metropolitan Parks and Charles River Basin Interest Sinking Funds, and Bonds .....	614.07	74.69	—	—	—
Auditing Municipal Accounts .....	891.58	—	997.63	985.87	—
Nantasket Maintenance	227.80	345.48	365.71	229.13	384.69
Boulevard .....	—	—	50.90	42.78	40.44
Total State Charges	\$15,570.15	\$12,890.10	13,091.89	\$ 4,596.36	\$ 6,258.28
County Charges:					
Middlesex County Tax	\$14,827.16	\$18,160.62	18,894.89	\$21,193.20	\$25,040.02
Middlesex County T.B. Hospital .....	2,240.98	2,002.28	2,930.76	3,065.57	3,503.84
Total County Charges	\$17,068.14	\$20,162.90	21,825.65	\$24,258.77	\$ 28,543.86
Total Other Payments	\$59,638.29	\$60,053.00	68,917.54	\$60,855.13	\$131,802.14

## AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES AND OTHER PAYMENTS

Total Expenditures and Other Payments (exclusive of out- lays financed by Bond Issues) .....	351,587.76	447,314.18	540,349.41	697,891.81	—
Total Outlays Financed by Bond Issues (and in 1946 by transfer from Post-War Rehabilitation Fund) .....	207.23	66,910.70	69,710.06	191,168.28	—
Totals .....	\$351,792.99	\$508,507.47	610,059.47	889,060.09	—

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee organized shortly after the annual Town Meeting in 1948. The Moderator appointed Richard H. Field and Everett M. Studley to three-year terms and Asa B. Foster to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of J. Robert Ayers. Following the usual practice, subcommittees were appointed to study the problems of the various town departments.

### Budget:

The appropriations for operations of town departments recommended in the budget submitted through the Board of Selectmen totaled \$550,155.62. This compares with \$525,285.99 in 1948. The budget also proposes the usual transfer from the Overlay Reserve Fund to the Reserve Fund, which this year will amount to \$6,861.09 plus \$638.91 to be appropriated, totalling \$7,500.

Following the practice of the last two years, the Committee has again extended in this report the chart showing a breakdown of school expenses reflecting increases from 1935 through 1949. We are also tabulating below, comparative figures for the years 1940, 1945, and 1949—

	1940	1945	1949
Operating expenses	\$247,246	\$292,156	\$550,155
Total expenditures*	356,052	352,002	665,850
* Includes School bond payment	14,000	12,000	70,000
* Includes Water bond payment	21,000	15,000	27,000
Schools—			
Salaries	65,150	82,213	175,447
Total expense (exclusive of bond issues)	87,650	115,823	251,310
% of 1940		133%	287.5%
School receipts	2,718	5,225	43,828
Total expenses (exclusive of bond issues) less receipts	84,932	105,958	207,482
% of 1940		125%	245%
School bond retirement	14,000	12,000	70,000
School bond interest	4,219	376	18,695
Total expenditures attributable to Schools	103,151	121,974	296,177
% of 1940		118%	287%

These figures are given for the purpose of disclosing to the Town the chief source of the increase in the Town's appropriations and are not designed to prove that school expenditures are excessive. We recognize that the increase in the Town's population does not bear equally on all departments and that any community will naturally feel the increased financial responsibilities resulting from the increased

population first in the school system. We deem it important, however, that the Town should know where its tax dollars are going.

It is important also for the Town fully to realize that the School Committee has the sole and absolute right to determine the school budget and that if the Town fails to appropriate the amounts recommended by the School Committee it may be compelled to do so at the suit of ten tax payers. Accordingly, a recommendation by the Finance Committee, or a budget submitted by the Selectmen naming a lower figure than that recommended by the School Committee would, although perhaps helpful to the School Committee and the voters of the Town, have no legal validity if ten tax payers chose to sue.\* Although the Finance Committee, under the Statutes of the Commonwealth, lacks effective responsibility for the school budget, it has nevertheless had several meetings with the School Committee for the purpose of reviewing the recommended appropriations, but no substantial reduction has been achieved. Under the circumstances we submit the budget of the School Committee without expressing an opinion, one way or the other, as to whether too much is being spent or whether what is being spent is being spent wisely.

We cannot express better our views about school expenditures than did the combined "Report of the Citizens Committee of Nineteen" in 1948 which stated—

"This report makes no pretense of going deeply into financial implications. Whether our conclusions entail increased expenditures or

\*Appropriations for School Department. (From Bulletin C issued by the Association of Town Finance Committees, dated October, 1948)

"The decision of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in the case of *Ring v. City of Woburn*, 311 Mass. 679, was summarized in our memorandum issued and distributed in October, 1942. The net result of that decision, since followed and accordingly ratified by the decision in cases brought by taxpayers where the appropriation was below that requested by the School Committee, (see *Hayes v. Preston* 313 Mass. 641 and *O'Brien v. Pittsfield* 316 Mass. 283) is that unless a town appropriates sums which the school department has requested for operations which under the statute are deemed mandatory, and also for such operations as are permissible and which the School Committee has by vote deemed "expedient" it can be forced by court decree to raise a sum necessary to cover the sum fixed by the School Committee, plus a 25% penalty. In the *Ring* case the items for which the School Committee had asked appropriation included salaries of superintendent and of teachers, wages of janitors, custodians, clerks, nurses, etc., text books, supplies of all sorts and in fact almost everything which is customary in school operations. The only thing which the Court threw out was the requested appropriation for transportation, but a town is obliged to provide transportation, within certain limits, under other sections of the statute. The question of whether or not a town must appropriate sums which the School Committee requests after the town at the Annual Meeting has appropriated the requested budget, and whether the School Committee can be permitted an overdraft in that regard, are matters not yet litigated."



not can only be determined by further detailed study. It is possible that some redistribution of effort would increase the return for the money now being spent. Weston's cost per pupil was \$208.44 in 1946, which is high in relation to other towns of similar size. We think the causes are partly the high administrative costs and partly the low ratio of teachers' load in the high school. This suggests the possibility of a review of the course offerings and teaching assignments, which might yield savings without impairing the quality of the educational program as a whole. It is clear that with school costs rising along with all other expenses, the town must scrutinize carefully the use to which its school dollars are put."

The Finance Committee recommends the appropriation of all other sums shown on the budget and is pleased to note that the aggregate requests of all departments except the School Department come to over \$5,000. less than last year's appropriation.

#### *Article 13*

For the last two years, there has been an item in the budget for Mosquito Control. In 1946, the town appropriated \$4,500. and voted to join the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project. In 1947, \$5,000. was appropriated. As planned originally an annual appropriation of \$5,000. for five years was deemed adequate for necessary permanent drainage, after which time a lesser amount would appear sufficient. From the experience of the last two years, a substantial revision of these estimates has been necessary. It is the opinion of the Finance Committee that this matter be discussed and voted upon by the Town.

#### *Article 14*

This article deals with a request for an appropriation to cover the cost of equipping and doing any necessary building remodelling to provide new equipment and a cafeteria for the Elementary School. The Finance Committee is not in possession at the time this report is written, of the facts necessary to form an opinion. It is our understanding that figures and specifications will be available before Town Meeting, at which time the Committee will be in a position to make a recommendation.

#### *Article 15*

This article covers the purchase of a High Pressure Fire Fighting Fog Truck and Equipment thereof. For several years the town had the use of such a piece of equipment on a loan basis. The experience was so satisfactory that it is recommended that such equipment be purchased.

#### *Article 17*

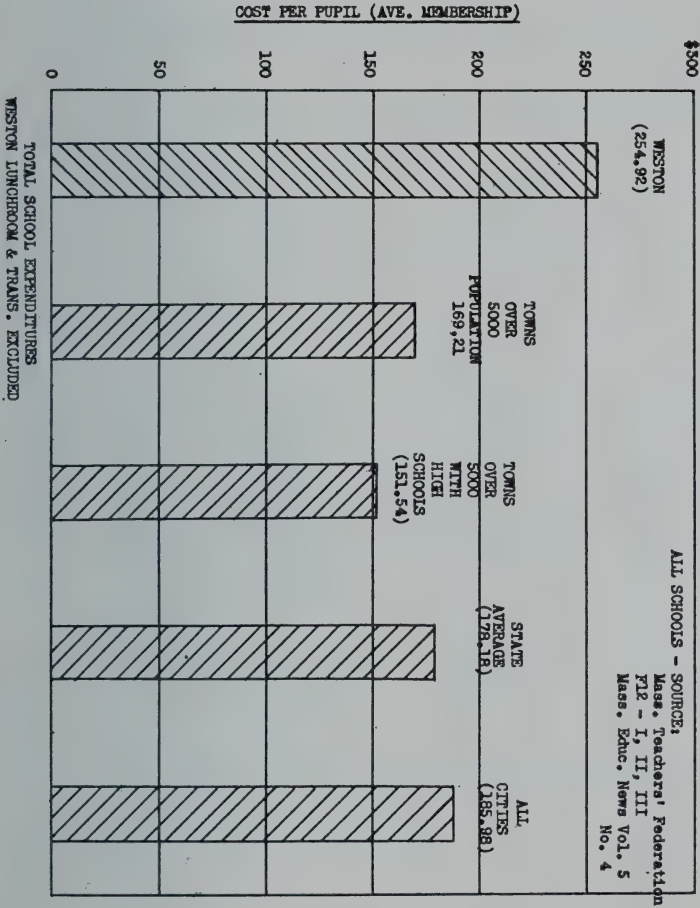
The Committee recommends the establishment of a World War Scholarship Trust Fund from the proceeds of the sale of the town owned house at Cutter's corners.

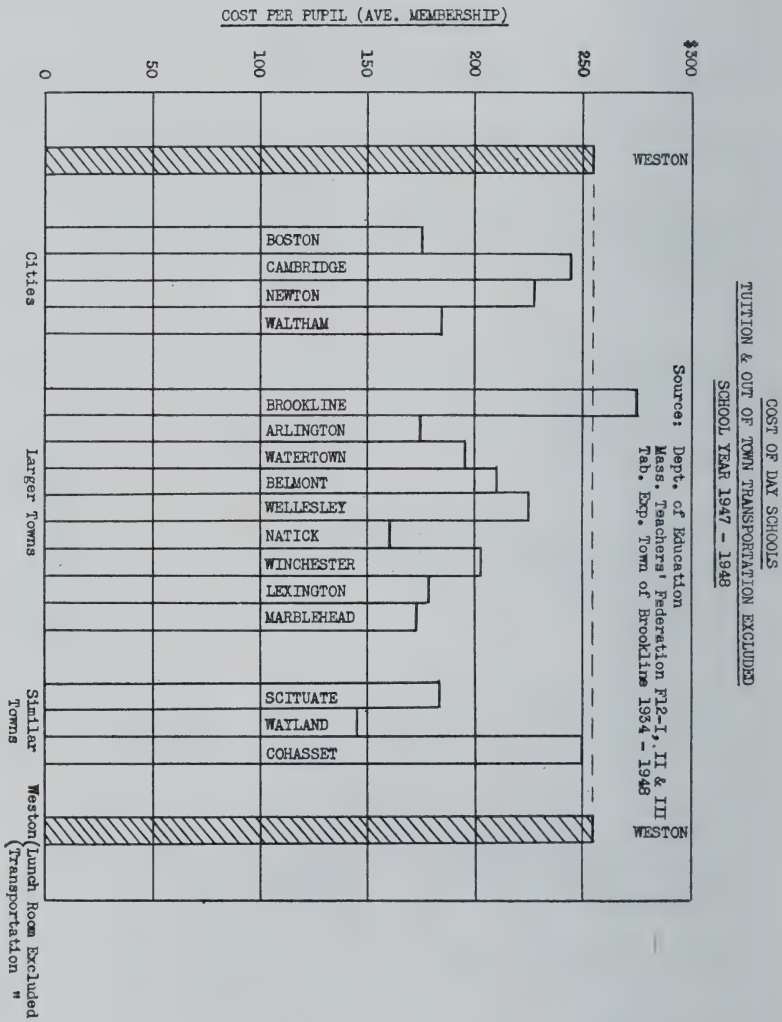
Analysis (1) Salary Costs for Administration, High School Teachers, Elementary School Teachers and Janitors  
 (2) Average Membership, Number of Teachers, Pupils per Teacher, in the High and Elementary Schools  
 Sources— Town Reports, Superintendent of Schools, Recommended Appropriation 1949

	1935	1940	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
<b>Administrative Salaries</b>							
Superintendent	\$ 462	\$ 4,040	\$ 4,420	\$ 4,933	\$ 5,628	\$ 6,667	\$ 7,166
High School Principal	3,246	—	1,267	3,900	4,766	4,933	5,300
Elementary School Principal	—	2,020	2,530	2,587	3,466	3,980	4,333
Secretarial	369	1,023	1,670	3,363	3,501	4,144	4,850
Total Administration	\$3,708	\$ 7,083	\$ 9,824	\$14,783	\$17,361	\$19,724	\$21,649
<b>High School Teachers' Salaries</b>							
Average Membership High School Plus 7 & 8*	\$30,907	\$31,440	\$38,220	\$45,743	\$54,490	\$62,476	\$70,480
Number of Teachers	273	277	291	292	299	286	273**
Pupils per Teacher	16	18	16	19	19	19	19
	17	15	18	15	16	15	14
<b>Elementary Teachers' Salaries</b>							
Average Membership K-6*	\$15,882	\$21,348	\$28,818	\$33,296	\$47,305	\$54,370	\$68,530
Number of Teachers	326	343	359	358	409	408	458**
Pupils per Teacher	10	15	17	18	19	20	20
	33	23	21	20	22	20	22
Janitors' Salaries	\$ 3,519	\$ 4,002	\$ 5,351	\$ 6,353	\$ 8,391	\$ 9,934	\$12,210
Average Membership Total	599	620	650	650	708	694	731**
<b>TOTAL SALARIES</b>	\$54,916	\$64,192	\$82,213	\$100,175	\$127,547	\$146,504	\$172,869

The distribution of salaries and teachers into the above groups is the best immediately obtainable and should be sufficiently accurate for comparative purposes. \*Average membership figures are for the school year 1934-35, etc. Financial figures are for the calendar year 1935, etc. \*\*December 1948.

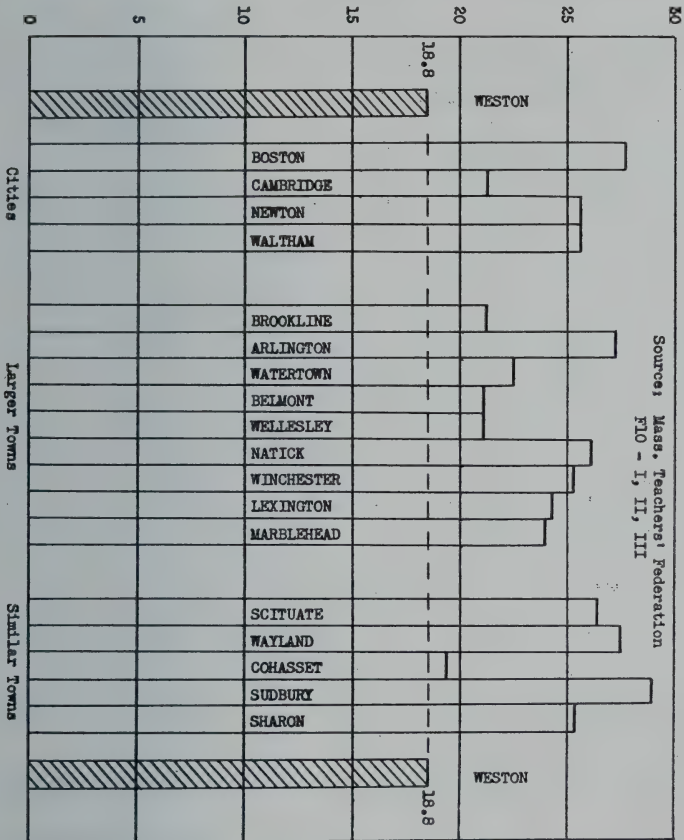
TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENDITURES  
SCHOOL YEAR 1947 - 1948







NUMBER OF PUPILS (AVE. MEMBERSHIP) PER FULL TIME CLASSROOM TEACHER



PUPIL - TEACHER RATIOS  
SCHOOL YEAR 1947 - 1948

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND COLLECTOR 1948

### Reconciliation of Cash as of Dec. 31, 1948

A = B

Bank balances: checking accounts.			
Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.		125,000.00	
The Second National Bank of Boston		126,073.75	
Day Trust Co.		500,000.00	
Newton-Waltham Bank and Trust Co.			
Weston Office		129,970.49	
Weston Office, Merriam Fund		776.38	881,820.62
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Savings Banks:			
East Cambridge Savings Bank		8,488.36	
Waltham Savings Bank		205.71	
Consolidated Trust Funds Income			
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank		1,858.16	
East Cambridge Savings Bank		2,691.96	13,244.19
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Cash on hand at Town Hall			75.00
Cash on hand in Treasurer's safe			118.00
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A Cash balance, per Treasurer's account			895,257.81
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Cash balance, Jan. 1, 1948	171,805.37		
Cash receipts	1,849,621.45	2,021,426.82	
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Total disbursements		1,126,169.01	
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B Cash balance, per General Ledger			895,257.81

### Analysis of Receipts for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1948

Taxes:

Polls, Pers., Real Est.	1947	6,635.74		
	1948	364,024.07	370,659.81	
Motor Vehicle Excises	1947	599.51		
	1948	29,565.05	30,164.56	400,824.37
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Amount carried forward				400,824.37

Amount brought forward				400,824.37
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## In lieu of Taxes:

City of Cambridge, Waterworks	152.50			
Met. Dist. Comm., Water Div.	759.49			
Met. Dist. Water Supply Comm.	1,899.43		2,811.42	

Tax Title No. 77, assigned: Net taxes				334.25
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## State and County:

State Income Tax	55,858.21			
State Corporation Tax	32,608.22			
State Meal Tax	561.84			
State Co-operative Ploughing	231.00			
State Vocational Training	376.09			
State School Lunch Program	2,539.76			
State Chap. 90 re-imburement	23,344.14	115,519.26		
County Dog Tax	1,218.70			
County Chap. 90 re-imburement	11,920.70	13,139.40	128,658.66	

## Charities:

Old Age Assistance				
Comm. of Mass.	8,587.33			
Federal Grant	9,085.16		17,672.49	

## Water Department:

Rates	1947	491.65		
	1948	34,315.76	34,807.41	
Misc.	1947	362.13		
	1948	15,005.61	15,367.74	50,175.15

## Licenses, Permits, and Fees:

Board of Health				
Licenses	175.50			
Plumbing fees	295.00			
Septic Tank permits	8.00	478.50		

Amounts carried forward		478.50	600,476.34	
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Amounts brought forward		478.50	600,476.34
Town Clerk			
Dog license fees	124.20		
Hunting & Fishing	56.75		
Misc.	465.89	646.84	
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Building Inspector			
Wire permits	424.50		
Building permits	269.50	694.00	
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Sealer of Weights & Measures		19.32	
Selectmen:			
Pistol permits	22.50		
Taxi permits	9.00		
Licenses	15.00		
Fees from County for inspection of animals	12.00	58.50	
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Planning Board:			
Advertising fees		10.00	
Fines:			
District Court	119.00		
Library	579.48	698.48	2,605.64
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Departments:			
Highway:			
Sale of snow plow	250.00		
Sale of Heil hoist & body	125.00		
Sale of old iron	261.25		
Rental of compressor	25.00		
Work for Weston Water Co.	9.70	670.95	
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Police:			
Allowance on 1946 Mercury 2-door sedan	1,157.70		
Officer at Weston Golf Club	6.00	1,163.70	
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Amounts carried forward		1,834.65	603,081.98



Amounts brought forward	1,834.65	603,081.98
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## Fire:

Protection at Hall for Cambridge School	18.00	
Sale of old iron	9.07	
Telephone tolls	.75	27.82
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## Schools:

Tuition	6,783.81	
Lunch room	8,376.01	
Rent	48.00	
Misc.	200.24	
Petty cash	25.00	15,433.06
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## Library:

Books	22.43	
Sale of books & papers	114.00	136.43
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## Cemetery:

Sale of Lots	310.00	
Care of Lots	240.50	
Interments	686.00	
Foundations	102.00	
Grave Liners	211.00	
Misc.	15.65	
Drafts from Savings Banks for purchase of land of Marshall Jones Est.	14,000.00	15,565.15
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## Public Welfare:

Re-imburement from Comm. of Mass.		2,261.91
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## Board of Health:

Dental Collections	89.00	
Dog Clinic	95.00	184.00
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Amounts carried forward	35,443.02	603,081.98
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Amounts brought forward		35,443.02	603,081.98
Board of Registrars			
Sale of Poll Lists		8.25	
Recreation Commission			
Sale of old suits & towels	32.05		
Sale of handicraft material	16.00	48.05	
Selectmen:			
Rental of Town Property			
Town Hall	1,094.00		
Cutter's Corner House	792.25		
Cutter's Corner barn	12.50		
K. G. Fire Station	77.50		
626 Boston Post Rd.	420.00		
31 Warren Ave.	420.00		
66 Warren Ave.	350.00		
68 Warren Ave.	350.00	3,516.25	
Petty cash, Town Hall office		25.00	3,541.25
Town Clerk			
Sale of maps	16.10		
Sale of Town Reports	18.00		
Sale of Assessors' list	1.00	35.10	
Treasurer & Collector			
Tax costs	197.65		
Tax Title costs	14.08		
Tax certificates	127.50	339.23	39,414.90
Interest:			
Burial Grounds, Sale of Lots fund		264.37	
Burial Grounds,			
Alpheus Cutter Monument Fund		6.62	
E. B. Field Recreation Fund		6.89	
Town Hall Fund		152.80	
Consolidated Trust Funds		5,314.28	
Amounts carried forward		5,744.96	642,496.88

Amounts brought forward	5,744.96	642,496.88
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World War Trust Fund	90.11	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	60.30	
Stabilization Fund	224.64	
General Cash	420.95	
Deferred taxes and motor vehicle excises	238.84	
Interest in Tax Title	9.61	6,789.41

## Agency:

Town Clerk:			
Dog licenses	1,542.80		
Town Treasurer:			
Interest on Water Consumers'			
Guarantee Deposits	175.86		
Withdrawal of 2 Guarantee			
funds for return to owners	1,245.08		
Planning Board: Security			
for Marshall Way	1,500.00		
Water Dep't.: Contract			
extension funds	5,563.75		
Veterans' Housing Board	3,300.00		
Withholding taxes	21,940.03		
Retirement deductions	6,534.97	40,259.69	41,802.49

## Trust:

Burial Grounds, Perpetual Care	2,133.00	
Consolidated Trust Funds:		
Sale of U. S. 2½% Treasury Bonds,		
# 2234D, 2294D, 475E	30,231.25	32,364.25

## Municipal Indebtedness:

Weston Water Loan #14, 1947	
Coupon notes, dated Apr. 1, due 1948-49	
.85% @ 100.	10,000.00
Weston School Loan #5, 1946	
Newton-Waltham Bank & Trust Co.	
1¾%, dated July 1, 1949-67 @ 100.56	94,000.00
Premium	526.40

Amounts carried forward	104,526.40	723,453.03
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Amounts brought forward	104,526.40	723,453.03
Weston School Loan #4, 1946	400,000.00	
Weston School Loan #6, 1948	400,000.00	
Estabrook & Co.		
2%, dated Nov. 1, 1949—63 @ 101.3831		
Premium	11,064.80	915,591.20
Refunds:		
Collector's 1946 Bond: 33 1/3%	85.00	
Accrued interest:		
Water Loan #14	3.54	
School Loan #5	4.57	
School Loans #4 & 6	666.67	674.78
Insurance credit		
Field Machinery Co.	174.91	
Leonard Dowse, Auto, fire and theft	11.22	186.13
Veterans' Housing Board	1,300.00	
Board of Health	134.37	
School Dep't.	86.79	
Recreation Comm.	7.77	
Town Hall	42.55	
Cons. Trust Fund Inc.		
Deposit not accepted by Bank	191.83	2,709.22
Capital Assets:		
Insurance on High School Building		
Fire of Feb. 17, 1948	165.00	
Insurance on Assembly Hall		
Fire of April 3, 1948	3,085.00	
Insurance on High School Building		
Fire of April 6, 1948	171,226.00	174,476.00
Insurance:		
Contents of High School Building		28,692.00
Federal Works Agency		4,700.00
Total receipts		1,849,621.45



## Analysis of Expenditures for year ending Dec. 31, 1948

General Expense:			
Treasury Warrants			1,125,192.42
Cemeteries:			
Interest on deposits in Savings			
Banks added to principal			
Sale of Lots Fund	264.37		
Alpheus Cutter Monument Fund	6.62	270.99	
Agency:			
Water Consumers' Guarantee Funds			
Interest added to Funds		175.86	
Investment:			
Interest on deposits in Savings			
Banks added to principal			
Town Hall Fund	152.80		
E. B. Field Recreation Fund	6.89	159.69	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund			
Waltham Savings Bank Int.	55.30		
Stabilization Fund			
Interest added to Fund	224.64	439.63	
Trust:			
World War Trust Fund		90.11	
Total disbursements			
			1,126,169.01

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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### Town appropriations:

To be raised by taxation, G. L. Chap. 41, Sec. 15 A	\$526,990.99
Appropriations voted to be taken from available funds	51,718.32
	<hr/> \$578,709.31
Maturing Debt	32,000.00
State Assessments:	
Charles River Basin	1,032.17
Metropolitan Parks Reservations	2,233.16
Nantasket Beach Maintenance	273.30
Boulevards	42.77
Underestimates State Assessments, 1947	148.55
Middlesex County Tax and Assessments:	
County Tax	19,835.56
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	2,930.76
Underestimates County Assessments, 1947	427.91
Overlays	7,285.16
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Gross amount to be raised	\$645,904.46

### Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:

State Income Tax	18,955.10
Income Tax, Acts 1947	35,345.15
Corporation Taxes	16,216.20
Corporation Taxes, Acts 1947	5,865.30
Gasoline Tax	10,920.00
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	20,000.00
Grants and Gifts	14,400.00
Fines	25.00
General Government	850.00
Health and Sanitation	150.00
Old Age Assistance (other than federal grants)	8,200.00
Charities (other than federal grants to dependent children)	3,300.00
Old Age Tax (Meals)	296.33
Old Age Tax (Meals) Acts 1947	259.29
Schools	18,500.00
Libraries	600.00
Water Department	40,000.00

Cemeteries (other than trust funds and sale of lots)	1,250.00
Rental of town property	2,700.00
Interest on taxes and deposits	425.00
In lieu of taxes	2,600.00
Total Estimated Receipts	202,257.37

Amount taken from Overlay Reserve by vote of Town with approval of Commissioner, G. L. Chap. 59, Sec. 23	65,218.32
Overestimates previous year	
County tax	2,897.85
State Parks and Reservations	119.46

Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$270,493.00
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Net amount to be raised by taxation	\$375,411.46
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## Local Tax Levy:

1513 polls at \$2.00 each	\$3,026.00
Personal Property, \$1,019,536.00 at \$30.50	31,095.85
Real Estate, \$11,189,800.00 at \$30.50	341,288.90
Gain on account of fractional divisions of tax rate	.71

	\$375,411.46
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## Assessed Value of Personal Estate:

Stock in trade	18,110.00
Machinery	30,900.00
Live Stock	46,920.00
All other Tangible Personal Property	923,606.00
	1,019,536.00

## Assessed Value of Real Estate:

Land exclusive of buildings	3,103,425.00
Buildings exclusive of land	8,086,375.00

	11,189,800.00
Total Assessed Valuation	12,209,336.00

Tax Rate \$30.50 per \$1000

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Rate \$38.07 per \$1000

Persons assessed on Real Estate only	716
Persons assessed on Personal Estate only	224
Persons assessed on both Personal and Real Estate	406

**TABLE OF AGGREGATES**

	Number Assessed
Acres of land	9,052.55
Dwelling houses	1,067
Horses	81
Cows	229
Bulls	9
Heifers	26
Swine	853
Fowl	3574
All others	6

**EXEMPTED PROPERTY****Parks and Water Works**

Metropolitan District Commission	\$181,000.00
Metropolitan Water Board	87,177.64
City of Cambridge	5,900.00

**Literary (Educational Institutions)**

Boston University	181,732.00
Cambridge School Inc.	140,630.00
Harvard College, President and Fellows of	121,650.00
Meadowbrook School	51,480.00
Newton Local Council of Girl Scouts	11,400.00
Sisters of St. Joseph (Regis College)	2,141,968.00
Weston College	1,271,000.00
Weston Scouts Inc.	9,000.00

**Houses of Religious Worship and Parsonages**

First Baptist Church	41,000.00
Methodist Episcopal Church	12,000.00
St. Julia's R. C. Church	32,000.00
St. Peter's Episcopal Church	36,500.00
Unitarian First Parish Church	107,000.00

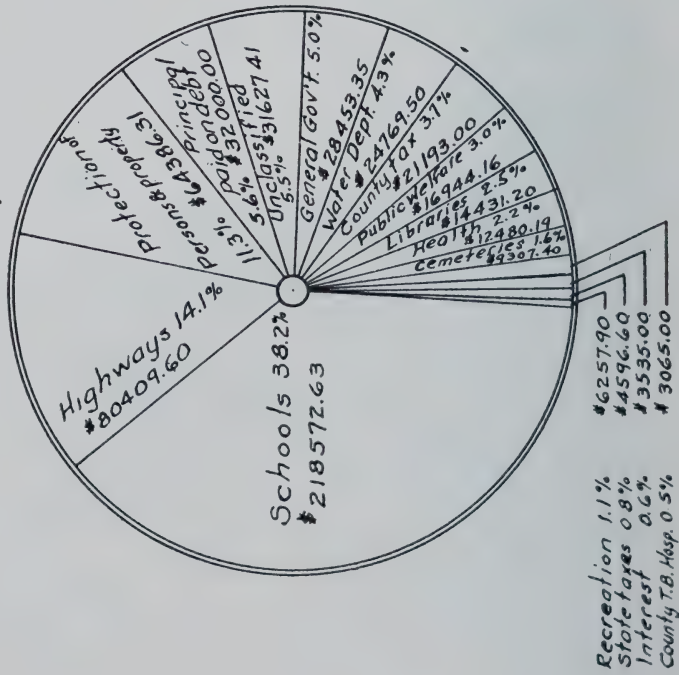
**Town-owned Property**

	Value of land	Buildings & Contents	Dept. Total
Town House and Common	\$10,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$135,000.00
School Department —			
High School	15,000.00	245,000.00	421,500.00
Grammar School		90,000.00	
Primary School		36,500.00	
Case House	20,000.00	15,000.00	

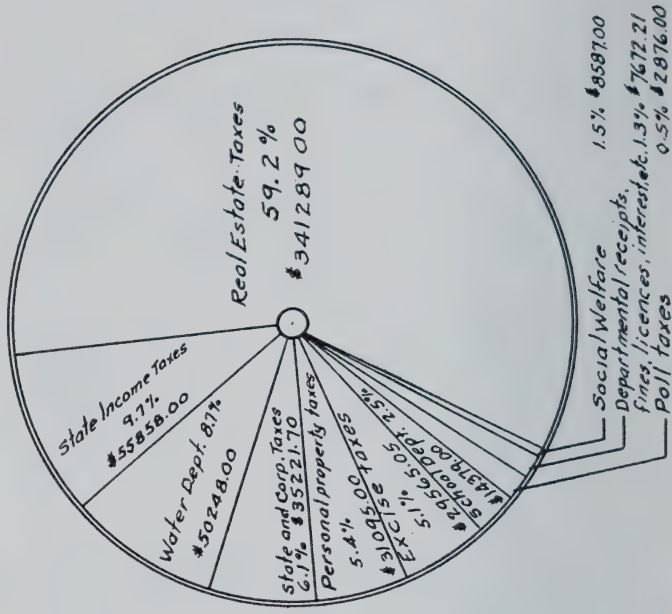


Cemeteries	20,000.00	4,000.00	24,000.00
Library	2,500.00	85,000.00	87,500.00
Swimming Pool Locker Building		5,000.00	5,000.00
Fire Department—Boston Post Road	1,500.00	40,000.00	46,000.00
Kendal Green Station	500.00	4,000.00	
Highway Department—			
Golden Ball Road	500.00	1,000.00	35,350.00
Crushing & Asphalt Plants, K. G.		7,500.00	
Storage shed and office		7,350.00	
Garage on Newton Street		19,000.00	
Police Department		1,500.00	1,500.00
Water Department—			
Warren Avenue Pumping Station	4,000.00	13,000.00	455,500.00
Storage building, Warren Avenue		3,500.00	
Superintendent's house	500.00	5,000.00	
Kendal Green Pumping Station	5,000.00	7,500.00	
Nickerson Field Pumping Station	5,000.00	10,000.00	
Standpipes, Cat Rock and			
Doublet Hill	2,000.00	100,000.00	
Water mains		300,000.00	
Glen Road Property	4,000.00		4,000.00
Three lots near Kendal Green			
R. R. station	1,500.00		1,500.00
Cutter Corner House	1,000.00	6,500.00	7,500.00
Stanley House Warren Ave.	500.00	3,000.00	3,500.00
Case lot—Wellesley St. and School St.	2,000.00		2,000.00
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	\$95,500.00	\$1,134,350.00	\$1,229,850.00

How the 1948 revenue dollar was spent



Where the 1948 revenue dollar came from



# REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1948

### ASSETS

Cash	\$895,257.81
Taxes 1948	
Real Estate	10,122.77
Personal	736.75
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1948	1,531.06
Tax Possessions	3,347.55
Town Hall 1948	72.25
Cemetery 1948	20.00
Water Department 1948	1,898.67
State Charges—Underestimates	1,342.11
Loans Authorized	15,000.00
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	\$929,328.97

### LIABILITIES

Surplus	106,394.13
Overlays 1948	5,466.25
Overlay Reserve	7,311.19
Appropriation Balances	778,407.30
Trust Fund Income Account Balances	3,676.51
Tailings Account	59.88
Premium on Water Loan	1,052.97
Premium on School Loans	11,591.20
Federal Grants	
Old Age Assistance Administrative	306.53
Old Age Assistance	332.00
Aid to Dependent Children Administrative	45.63
Aid to Dependent Children	325.17
Departmental Revenue	92.25
Water Department Revenue	1,898.67
Tax Possessions Revenue	3,347.55
Sale of Real Estate	542.00
Fire Loss Recovery	165.00
Guarantee Deposits on Water Service	5,283.68
Planning Board Deposits	1,500.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	1,531.06
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	\$929,328.97

**ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS AND DEFICIENCY  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1948**

Balance January 1, 1948		\$88,641.58
Add—Amounts added to account for the year ended December 31, 1948		
Estimated Receipts (Excess over estimates)	\$7,758.26	
Chapter 90 Reimbursements	36,008.31	
Unexpended Revenue Appropriations	14,774.99	
School Department (deduction in appropriation)	8,700.00	
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Total Credits		67,241.86
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		155,883.44
Less—Amount taken from Account for the year Ended December 31, 1948		
Withdrawn by Assessors in Fixing Tax Rate for 1948	13,500.00	
*Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00	
*Chapter 90 Construction	22,500.00	
Water Department	1,989.31	
Veteran's Housing	1,000.00	
Police Department Salaries	500.00	
Highway Department	3,800.00	
School Department Expense	5,200.00	
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Total Deductions		49,489.31
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Balance December 31, 1948		106,394.13

\*Transferred from Surplus in Anticipation of Reimbursement.

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL EXPERTS  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

SELECTMEN

CHAIRMAN'S SALARY

Appropriation		\$200.00
Expended	\$200.00	
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	200.00	200.00



## 2ND MEMBER'S SALARY

Appropriation		100.00
Expended	100.00	
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	100.00	100.00

## 3RD MEMBER'S SALARY

Appropriation		100.00
Expended	100.00	
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	100.00	100.00

## EXPENSES

Appropriation		300.00
Expended	211.51	
Transferred to Revenue	88.49	
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	300.00	300.00

Stationery, Postage	\$26.50
Printing and Advertising	86.41
Dues	25.00
Misc.	73.60

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Appropriation		50.00
Expended	10.00	
Transferred to Revenue	40.00	
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	50.00	50.00

Association Dues	10.00
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## TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Appropriation		2,250.00
Expended	2,042.05	
Transferred to Revenue	207.95	
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	2,250.00	2,250.00

Salary	2,025.00
Stationery	17.05

## TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

## SALARY

Appropriation		3,150.00
Expended	3,150.00	
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	3,150.00	3,150.00

## EXPENSES

Appropriation			1,900.00
Expended		1,900.00	
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		1,900.00	1,900.00
Clerk's Salary	128.85		
Stationery and Postage	986.80		
Travel and Misc. Expenses	288.02		
Telephone	74.13		
Surety Bond	422.20		

## TOWN CLERK

## SALARY

Appropriation			150.00
Expended		150.00	
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		150.00	150.00

## EXPENSES

Appropriation			250.00
Expended		249.79	
Transferred to Revenue		.21	
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		250.00	250.00
Stationery and Postage	187.69		
Printing	62.10		

## ASSESSORS

## CHAIRMAN'S SALARY

Appropriation			500.00
Expended		500.00	
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		500.00	500.00

## 2ND MEMBERS SALARY

Appropriation			100.00
Expended		100.00	
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		100.00	100.00

## 3RD MEMBERS SALARY

Appropriation			100.00
Expended		100.00	
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		100.00	100.00

## EXPENSES

Appropriation		800.00
Expended	798.31	
Transferred to Revenue	1.39	
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	800.00	800.00
Listers and Clerks	461.85	
Stationery and Postage		
Printing and Advertising	278.27	
All Other	58.19	

## CLERK OF COMMITTEES

Appropriation		4,300.00
Expended	4,085.00	
Transferred to Revenue	215.00	
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	4,300.00	4,300.00
Salaries and Wages	4,085.00	

## LAW

Appropriation		1,700.00
Expended	1,669.92	
Transferred to Revenue	30.08	
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	1,700.00	1,700.00
Salaries and Fees	1,591.00	
Other Expenses	78.92	

## ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Appropriation		1,200.00
Expended	1,104.11	
Transferred to Revenue	95.89	
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	1,200.00	1,200.00

## TOWN HALL

Appropriation		16,475.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1948		178.42
Expended	11,982.66	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	4,670.76	
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	16,653.42	16,653.42
Janitor's Salary	2,518.70	
Ass't Janitor's Salary	510.60	
Fuel	1,611.28	
Light	563.85	

Supplies	1,051.47
Repairs and Upkeep	3,987.04
Office Equipment	1,398.48
All Other	341.24

**COMMITTEE TO REPORT ON STANDING VOTES, BY-LAWS  
AND REGULATIONS**

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		500.00
Expended	None	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	500.00	
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	500.00	500.00

**PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT SALARIES**

Appropriation		21,725.00
Expended	20,363.38	
Transferred to Revenue	1,061.32	
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	21,725.00	21,725.00
Chief's Salary		
Patrolmen and Special Police Salary		

**POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPENSE**

Appropriation		3,000.00
Expended	2,967.66	
Transferred to Revenue	33.34	
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	3,000.00	3,000.00
Equipment Maintenance and Repairs	2,064.38	
Uniforms	399.39	
Telephone	293.80	
Other Expenses	210.09	

**POLICE DEPARTMENT—PURCHASE OF LAND FOR PROPOSED  
NEW BUILDING**

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		2,000.00
Expended	None	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	2,000.00	
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	2,000.00	2,000.00



## POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AND APPARATAUS

Appropriation		2,300.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1948		234.58
Expended	2,529.33	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	5.25	
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	2,534.58	2,534.58

## FIRE DEPARTMENT SALARIES

Appropriation		20,229.00
Expended	20,220.06	
Transferred to Revenue	8.94	
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	20,229.00	20,229.00

Chief's Salary  
 Permanent Men  
 Call Firemen

## FIRE DEPARTMENT—EXPENSES

Appropriation		4,940.00
Expended	4,940.00	
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	4,940.00	4,940.00
Maintenance and Repairs	3,786.82	
Fuel and Light	688.14	
Telephone	180.19	
Stationery and Postage	23.00	
Radio Maintenance	42.77	
Other Expenses	219.08	

## FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS

Appropriation		1,750.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1948		518.32
Expended	2,263.25	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	5.57	
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	2,268.82	2,268.82

## HYDRANTS

Appropriation		7,500.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1948		160.00
Expended	6,450.00	
Transferred to Revenue	710.00	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1948	500.00	
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Balance Jan. 1, 1948	7,660.00	7,660.00

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Appropriation		25.00
Expended	12.00	
Transferred to Revenue	13.00	
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	25.00	25.00

## MOTH EXTERMINATION

Appropriation		3,000.00
Expended	2,191.50	
Transferred to Revenue	808.50	
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	3,000.00	3,000.00
Equipment Maintenance and Repairs	50.00	
Spraying	2,141.50	

## TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		4,000.00
Expended	4,000.00	
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	4,000.00	4,000.00
Tree Service	3,985.08	
All Other	14.92	

## BUILDING INSPECTOR

Appropriation		150.00
Expended	148.55	
Transferred to Revenue	1.45	
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	150.00	150.00

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation		3,125.00
Expended	2,919.58	
Transferred to Revenue	205.42	
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	3,125.00	3,125.00

BOARD OF HEALTH  
CHAIRMAN'S SALARY

Appropriation		50.00
Expended	50.00	
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	50.00	50.00

**2ND MEMBERS SALARY**

Appropriation		25.00
Expended	25.00	
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	25.00	25.00

**3RD MEMBERS SALARY**

Appropriation		25.00
Expended	25.00	
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	25.00	25.00

**COOPERATING BOARDS OF HEALTH**

Appropriation		2,300.00
Expended	1,855.50	
Transferred to Revenue	444.55	
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	2,300.00	2,300.00

**INSPECTION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN**

Appropriation		900.00
Expended	780.00	
Transferred to Revenue	120.00	
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	900.00	900.00

School Physicians 780.00

**SCHOOL NURSE**

Appropriation		1,825.00
Expended	1,825.00	
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	1,825.00	1,825.00

School Nurse Salary 1,825.00

**MOSQUITO CONTROL**

Appropriation		5,000.00
Expended	5,000.00	
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	5,000.00	5,000.00

**HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES****GENERAL MAINTENANCE—SALARIES**

Appropriation		30,600.00
Expended	30,011.03	
Transferred to Revenue	588.97	
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	30,600.00	30,600.00

Superintendent's Salary 3,424.92

Maintenance Labor 26,586.11

## GENERAL MAINTENANCE—EXPENSES

Appropriation		27,100.00
Expended	27,100.00	
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	27,100.00	27,100.00
Administrative Expense	374.03	
Broken Stone and Gravel	6,034.10	
Equipment Maintenance and Repairs	6,667.47	
Gasoline and Oil	1,692.33	
Tarvia and Road Oil	5,106.59	
Contract Labor	5,640.07	
Signs	733.25	
Other Expense	852.16	

## HIGHWAYS—EQUIPMENT

Appropriation		11,850.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1948		99.68
Expended	11,532.42	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	417.26	
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	11,949.68	11,949.68

## CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		500.00
Transferred from Surplus		1,000.00
Expended	None	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	1,500.00	
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	1,500.00	1,500.00

## CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		7,500.00
Transferred from Surplus		22,500.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1948		28,000.00
Expended	41,777.07	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	16,222.93	
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	58,000.00	58,000.00

## LAND TAKINGS

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		5,000.00
Expended	None	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	5,000.00	
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	5,000.00	5,000.00



## STREETS. LIGHTS

Appropriation		11,000.00
Expended	10,532.06	
Transferred to Revenue	467.94	
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	11,000.00	11,000.00

## PUBLIC DUMP

Appropriation		1,400.00
Expended	1,333.99	
Transferred to Revenue	66.01	
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	1,400.00	1,400.00

## PUBLIC WELFARE

## DEPENDENT AID ADMINISTRATIVE

Appropriation		600.00
Expended	592.44	
Transferred to Revenue	7.56	
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	600.00	600.00

## DEPENDENT AID—ASSISTANCE

Appropriation		6,000.00
Expended	5,548.41	
Transferred to Revenue	451.59	
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	6,000.00	6,000.00

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—ADMINISTRATIVE

Appropriation		1,650.00
Expended	1,057.97	
Transferred to Revenue	592.03	
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	1,650.00	1,650.00

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—ASSISTANCE

Appropriation		11,000.00
Expended	9,746.05	
Transferred to Revenue	1,253.95	
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	11,000.00	11,000.00

Grants to Individuals	9,756.05
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## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN—ADMINISTRATIVE

Appropriation		100.00
Expended	None	
Transferred to Revenue	100.00	
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	100.00	100.00

## WELFARE EXPENDITURES OTHER THAN FROM APPROPRIATIONS

## FEDERAL GRANTS—OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATIVE

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		1,512.12
Federal Grants	None	
Expended	None	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	306.53	
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	306.53	306.53

## FEDERAL GRANTS—OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		1,512.12
Federal Grants		9,085.16
Expended	10,266.28	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	332.00	
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	10,598.28	10,598.28

FEDERAL GRANTS—AID TO DEPENDENT  
CHILDREN ADMINISTRATIVE

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		45.63
Federal Grants	None	
Expended	None	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	45.63	
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	45.63	45.63

## FEDERAL GRANTS—AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		325.17
Federal Grants	None	
Expended	None	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	325.17	
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	325.17	325.17

## PUBLIC WELFARE

## CHAIRMAN'S SALARY

Appropriation		50.00
Expended	50.00	
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	50.00	50.00

## 2ND MEMBERS SALARY

Appropriation	50.00	
Expended	50.00	
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	50.00	50.00

## 3RD MEMBERS SALARY

Appropriation		50.00
Expended	50.00	
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	50.00	50.00

## SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Appropriation		850.00
Expended	556.33	
Transferred to Revenue	293.67	
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	850.00	850.00

## SCHOOLS

## SCHOOLS—SALARIES

Appropriation		147,325.00
Expended	146,271.80	
Transferred to Revenue	1,053.20	
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	147,325.00	147,325.00

Salary of Superintendent	6,667.00
Salary of Principals	8,913.00
Teachers	116,613.80
Janitors' Salaries	9,934.00
Clerks' Salaries	4,144.00

## SCHOOLS—EXPENSES

Appropriations		58,652.00
Expended	58,052.33	
Transferred to Revenue	599.67	
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	58,652.00	58,652.00

Administrative Expense	1,494.55
Textbooks and Periodicals	9,110.93
Supplies	6,445.15
Fuel	7,411.10
Building Maintenance and Repairs	11,264.99
Transportation	14,494.02
Operation Expense	6,402.95
Outlays	1,428.64

## OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

Appropriation		250.00
Expended	250.00	
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	250.00	250.00

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Appropriation		1,200.00
Expended	955.76	
Transferred to Revenue	244.24	
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	1,200.00	1,200.00

## NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Appropriation		85.00
Expended	80.00	
Transferred to Revenue	5.00	
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	85.00	85.00

## SCHOOL LUNCHROOM SALARIES

Appropriation		2,800.00
Expended	2,762.10	
Transferred to Revenue	37.90	
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	2,800.00	2,800.00

## SCHOOL LUNCHROOM EXPENSES

Appropriation		10,500.00
Expended	10,200.54	
Transferred to Revenue	299.46	
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	10,500.00	10,500.00

## LIBRARY SALARIES

Appropriation		9,000.00
Expended	8,998.44	
Transferred to Revenue	1.56	
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	9,000.00	9,000.00

## LIBRARY EXPENSES

Appropriation		2,375.00
Receipt from Dog Tax		1,218.70
Expended	3,461.84	
Transferred to Revenue	131.86	
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	3,593.70	3,593.70

Binding Expense	319.95
Fuel	871.65
Light	557.47
Equipment, Repairs, Maintenance	1,359.02
Stationery	229.15
Telephone	124.60

## BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

Appropriation		900.00
Expended	883.45	
Transferred to Revenue	16.55	
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	900.00	900.00

## MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

Appropriation		500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		49.90
Expended	549.90	
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	549.90	549.90

## EQUIPMENT

Appropriation		500.00
Expended	478.14	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	21.86	
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	500.00	500.00



**RECREATION****PARK DEPARTMENT**

Appropriation		520.00
Expended	498.60	
Transferred to Revenue	21.40	
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	520.00	520.00
Salaries and Wages	334.86	
Expenses	163.74	

**RECREATION COMMISSION**

Appropriation		5,000.00
Expended	4,799.03	
Transferred to Revenue	200.97	
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	5,000.00	5,000.00
Salaries and Wages	2,935.43	
Expenses	1,863.60	

**ATHLETIC FIELD EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation		1,100.00
Expended	959.52	
Transferred to Revenue	140.48	
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	1,100.00	1,100.00

**UNCLASSIFIED****MEMORIAL DAY**

Appropriation		275.00
Expended	274.02	
Transferred to Revenue	.98	
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	275.00	275.00

**TOWN REPORTS**

Appropriation		1,850.00
Expended	1,825.29	
Transferred to Revenue	24.71	
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	1,850.00	1,850.00

**PLANNING BOARD**

Appropriation		5,500.00
Expended	5,437.77	
Transferred to Revenue	62.23	
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	5,500.00	5,500.00

## CAPITAL OUTLAY PROGRAM

Appropriation		1,000.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1948		605.80
Expended	1,574.92	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	30.88	
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	1,605.80	1,605.80

## INSURANCE FIRE AND BOILER

Appropriation		2,850.00
Expended	2,753.59	
Transferred to Revenue	96.41	
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	2,850.00	2,850.00

## INSURANCE—WORKMENS COMPENSATION

Appropriation		1,100.00
Expended	1,089.80	
Transferred to Revenue	10.20	
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	1,100.00	1,100.00

## INSURANCE—MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY

Appropriation		1,550.00
Expended	1,437.83	
Transferred to Revenue	112.17	
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	1,550.00	1,550.00

## INSURANCE—ALL OTHER

Appropriation		200.00
Expended	26.27	
Transferred to Revenue	173.73	
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	200.00	200.00

## DWELLING HOUSE CUTTERS CORNER

Appropriation		400.00
Expended	308.86	
Transferred to Revenue	91.14	
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	400.00	400.00

## TAX POSSESSIONS MAINTENANCE

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		376.02
Expended	None	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	376.02	
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	376.02	376.02

## CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT FUND

Appropriation		3,974.00
Expended	3,974.00	
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	3,974.00	3,974.00

## CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT FUND—ADMINISTRATIVE

Appropriation		65.00
Expended	63.00	
Transferred to Revenue	2.00	
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	65.00	65.00

## UNCLASSIFIED ALL OTHER

Appropriation		4,100.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1948		300.67
Transfer from Reserve Fund		638.91
Expended	4,951.53	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	88.05	
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	5,039.58	5,039.58

## TOWN BULLETIN

Appropriation		900.00
Expended	787.33	
Transferred to Revenue	112.67	
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	900.00	900.00

## DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES—SALARY

Appropriation		300.00
Expended	300.00	
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	300.00	300.00

## DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES—EXPENSES

Appropriation		100.00
Expended	10.55	
Transferred to Revenue	89.45	
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	100.00	100.00

## COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE VETERANS' HOUSING

Appropriation		1,000.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1948		532.01
Expended	1,197.19	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	334.82	
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	1,532.01	1,532.01

**VETERANS' HOUSING**

Appropriation		1,500.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1948		4,115.25
Expended	5,615.25	
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	5,615.25	5,615.25

**WATER DEPARTMENT****WATER DEPARTMENT—SALARIES**

Appropriation		10,400.00
Expended	9,161.90	
Transferred to Revenue	1,238.10	
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	10,400.00	10,400.00
Commissioner's Salary	300.00	
Salaries and Wages	8,761.90	

**WATER DEPARTMENT—EXPENSES**

Appropriation		16,400.00
Expended	15,298.03	
Transferred to Revenue	1,101.97	
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	16,400.00	16,400.00
Power	3,319.96	
Telephone, Frt., Postage, General	468.91	
Gas and Oil and		
Maintenance	591.04	
Station Maint.	930.68	
Supplies	9,987.44	

**WATER COMMISSIONERS' SALARY  
CHAIRMAN'S SALARY**

Appropriation		100.00
Expended	100.00	
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	100.00	100.00

**2nd MEMBER'S SALARY**

Appropriation		100.00
Expended	100.00	
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	100.00	100.00

**3rd MEMBER'S SALARY**

Appropriation		100.00
Expended	100.00	
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	100.00	100.00

## INTEREST ON DEBT

Appropriation		2,200.00
Expended	2,135.00	
Transferred to Revenue	65.00	
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	2,200.00	2,200.00

WATER DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES OTHER THAN  
FROM APPROPRIATIONS

## WATER STANDPIPE AND MAINS

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		29,088.34
Expended	21,632.45	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	7,455.89	
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	29,088.34	29,088.34

## BURIAL GROUNDS

## SALARIES

Appropriation		7,380.00
Income from Perpetual Care Fund		883.07
Expended	8,263.07	
Transferred to Revenue	None	
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	8,263.07	8,263.07
Superintendent's Salary	3,015.00	
Assistant's Salary	5,248.07	

## BURIAL GROUNDS—OTHER EXPENSES

Appropriation		525.00
Income from Perpetual Care Fund		521.29
Expended	1,044.03	
Transferred to Revenue	2.26	
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	1,046.29	1,046.29
Telephone	100.30	
Supplies	537.07	
Maintenance	406.66	

## INTEREST

Appropriation		1,400.00
Expended	1,400.00	



## RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		2,020.99
Transferred from Overlay Reserve		5,979.01
Transferred to:		
Library Maint. & Repair	49.90	
Unclassified All Other	638.91	
Transferred to Overlay Reserve	7,311.19	
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	8,000.00	8,000.00

## DEBT ACCOUNT

## ASSET ACCOUNT

Net Bonded Debt		32,000.00
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## LIABILITY ACCOUNTS

Water Loan No. 1, Dated July 1, 1941	3,000.00	
Water Loan No. 7, Dated June 1, 1931	2,000.00	
Water Loan No. 11, Dated Aug. 1, 1941	5,000.00	
Water Loan No. 12, Dated July 1, 1944	2,000.00	
Water Loan No. 13,	10,000.00	
School Loan Dated Feb. 1, 1941	10,000.00	
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	32,000.00	32,000.00

## INVESTMENT FUNDS

Cash and Securities	36,764.72	
Burial Grounds Sale of Lots Fund		6,636.34
Alpheus Cutter Monument Fund		336.49
Edward B. Field Recreation Fund		350.40
H. S. Sears Town Hall Fund		7,755.39
Water Consumers Guarantee Deposit Fund		8,300.88
Post War Rehabilitation Fund		3,010.05
Stabilization Fund		10,375.17
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	36,764.72	36,764.72

## CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNTS

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		92.00
Total Income Received		5,314.28
Income Distributed to Component Trusts	4,885.45	
Expended	520.83	
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	5,406.28	5,406.28

## INDIVIDUAL FUND ACCOUNTS

## GROUP A LIBRARY FUNDS

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		169.02
Income—Interest on Funds		852.76
Expended	1,011.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	10.78	
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	1,021.78	1,021.78

## GROUP B LIBRARY FUNDS

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		115.98
Income—Interest on Funds		102.10
Expended	193.90	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	24.18	
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	218.08	218.08

## GROUP C LIBRARY FUNDS

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		57.01
Income—Interest on Funds		294.10
Expended	288.73	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	62.38	
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	351.11	351.11

## GROUP D LIBRARY FUNDS

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		111.84
Income—Interest on Funds		15.14
Expended	90.40	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	36.58	
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	126.98	126.98

## GROUP E LIBRARY FUNDS

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		301.13
Income—Interest on Funds		233.52
Expended	325.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	209.65	
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	534.65	534.65

## GROUP F LIBRARY FUNDS

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		169.47
Income—Interest on Funds		327.81
Expended	437.21	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	60.07	
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	497.28	497.28

## MERRIAM FUND FOR SILENT FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		1,056.53
Income—Interest on Funds		211.54
Expended	280.15	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	987.92	
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	1,268.07	1,268.07

## TOWN COMMON FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		342.95
Income—Interest on Funds		304.36
Expended	550.98	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	96.33	
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	647.31	647.31

## TEACHERS HOME FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		73.56
Income—Interest on Funds		294.59
Expended	242.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	126.15	
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	368.15	368.15

## H. S. SEARS FUND FOR PLANTING TREES AND SHRUBS

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		1,251.42
Income—Interest on Funds		147.05
Expended	514.75	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	883.72	
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	1,398.47	1,398.47

H. S. SEARS FUND FOR CARE AND MAINTENANCE  
OF ATHLETIC FIELD

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		111.73
Income—Interest on Funds		147.05
Expended	None	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	258.78	
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	258.78	258.78

## H. S. SEARS SCHOOL PRIZE FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		83.31
Income—Interest on Funds		87.45
Expended	90.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	80.76	
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	170.76	170.76

## H. S. SEARS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		1,093.64
Income—Interest on Funds		411.84
Expended	1,000.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	505.48	
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	1,505.48	1,505.48

## ALPHEUS CUTTER MONUMENT FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		114.11
Income—Interest on Funds		5.37
Expended	None	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	119.48	
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	119.48	119.48

## E. B. FIELD PERPETUAL CARE FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		184.03
Income—Interest on Funds		13.68
Expended	None	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	197.71	
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	197.71	197.71

## AGNES P. BROCK CEMETERY FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		20.48
Income—Interest on Funds		26.87
Expended	34.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	13.35	
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	47.35	47.35

## EMMA F. STEDMAN CEMETERY FUND

Balance Jan. 1, 1948		4.47
Income—Interest on Funds		5.86
Expended	7.50	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	2.83	
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	10.33	10.33

## BONDED DEBT STATEMENT

Statement of Outstanding Indebtedness Jan. 1, 1949

Purpose for which loan was made	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1948	Paid in 1948	Outstanding in 1949	Principal due in 1949	Inter- est due in 1949
Water Loan No. 1					
4¾ %	12,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$427.50
Water Loan No. 7					
3½ %	8,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00	2,000.00	175.00
Water Loan No. 11					
¾ %	20,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00	112.50
Water Loan No. 12					
¾ %	12,000.00	2,000.00	10,000.00	2,000.00	75.00
Water Loan No. 13					
1 %	113,000.00	10,000.00	103,000.00	10,000.00	980.00
Water Loan No. 14					
	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	42.50
Total Water Loans	175,000.00	27,000.00	148,000.00	27,000.00	1,812.50
School Loan of 1931					
3½ %	40,000.00	10,000.00	30,000.00	10,000.00	875.00
School Loan of 1946					
1¾ %			94,000.00	5,000.00	1,645.00
School Loan of 1946					
2 %			400,000.00	27,000.00	8,000.00
School Loan of 1948					
2 %			400,000.00	28,000.00	8,000.00
Total School Loans	40,000.00	10,000.00	924,000.00	70,000.00	18,520.00
Grand Totals	215,000.00	37,000.00	1,072,000.00	97,000.00	20,332.50
Principal due On Present Loans					
	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Water Loans	22,000.00	22,000.00	12,000.00	9,000.00	7,000.00
School Loans	70,000.00	70,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
Total	92,000.00	92,000.00	72,000.00	69,000.00	67,000.00



## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

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### Births, Marriages and Deaths Recorded in the Town Clerk's Office of the Town of Weston for the year 1948

Number of births recorded		71
Number of marriages recorded		42
Number of marriage certificates issued		35
Number of deaths recorded		36
Residents of Weston	36	
Non-residents	0	
Population of town, 1946 State Census		4,473
Death rate per thousand		8.048

### Births

#### JANUARY

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents
6.	Faye Lorraine Ogilvie	Raymond E. and Olive Holbrook
7.	Suzanne Katherine Patteson	James H. 3rd and Katherine Holbrook
7.	Bruce Alan Stoffel	Frederick T. and Marcia M. MacLellan
9.	Kenneth Paul Helgeson	Rudolph L. and Katherine M. Macdonald
23.	Lois Ann Chisholm	John A. and Kathleen Cody
25.	Thomas Smith	Frederick P. and Marjorie C. Lyons

#### FEBRUARY

9.	Sarah Webster Bartlett	Paul D. and Lula Court
19.	Reed Tucker Amadon	George F. and Elizabeth Reed
21.	Suzanne Carol Bulwinkle	George E. Jr. and Ruth R. Wilson
24.	Margaret Gill Ball	George G. and Margaret Arnold
24.	James Vincent Toner, III	James V. Jr. and Martha M. Connelly

#### MARCH

10.	Robert Bendz	Waldemar I. and Marjorie Lowe
10.	Peter Clay Crawford	Harry C. and Mary Oellgaard
11.	Patience Ferris	Benjamin G. Jr. and Sarah Upham
15.	Holly Drummond McMullin	Donaldson R. and Jean Gwyer
15.	Stevens Robert Brown	Robert and Margaret Allen
19.	William Ray Langenbach	Edward and Ann Doherty

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| 22. Wendy Boicourt Thompson | Tyler and Phyllis Oechsli        |
| 23. David Mahard Hutcheson  | John and Martha Mahard           |
| 24. Alan Joseph Lazzari     | Robert P. and Elena A. Tassinari |
| 25. Linda DiPesa            | Roger B. and Mildred Lusardi     |

## APRIL

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| 10. Rita Mary Lingley           | Henry W. and Rita M. Conroy          |
| 10. Raymond Joseph Benotti, Jr. | Raymond J. and Gelsomina<br>Clemente |
| 22. Martha Bayles               | Theodore B. and Rachael Brown        |
| 25. Elizabeth Williams          | Parker H. and Frances Hill           |
| 27. Sally Palmer                | Sanford D. Jr. and Elise H. Winsor   |

## MAY

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| 3. Richard John Giesbrandt | Robert J. and Ruth Mulcahy               |
| 11. Thomas Middleton Paine | John B. Jr. and Henrietta Nash           |
| 18. Ceri Helen Raynor      | Alfred F. Jr. and Winifred<br>Noseworthy |
| 22. Martha Curtiss Wypler  | Alfred R. Jr. and Frances Emery          |
| 27. Lydia Lyman Cummings   | Charles K. Jr. and Barbara Taylor        |
| 29. William Kellogg Otto   | William R. and Virginia Kellogg          |

## JUNE

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 3. Andrea Ruth Moller          | Louis W. Jr. and Ruth E. Bolton |
| 11. Kathryn Brown              | Reynold L. and Mary A. Dillon   |
| 11. William Dane Phelps Lawson | John H. and Louise Schirmer     |
| 16. John Holroyd Kempster, Jr. | John H. and Sherley Lang        |
| 21. Walter Happer Farrell      | Walter H. and Alice B. Thompson |
| 22. William Taft Wolf, Jr.     | William T. and Jane Rice        |
| 23. Melinda Fitch Greason      | James B. and Constance F. Read  |
| 26. Eric Mason Hanson          | Eugene O. and Elizabeth H. Reed |
| 26. Richard Coleman King, Jr.  | Richard C. and Ann Hitchcock    |

## JULY

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| 4. John Burnham Pierce, Jr. | John B. and Helen Merrill      |
| 7. Marilyn Barbetti         | Floyd L. and Annie E. Sheppard |
| 12. Cynthia Florence Murray | John W. and Ruth W. Baldwin    |
| 12. Mary Bradford Paine     | John A. Jr. and Jane Patterson |
| 15. John William Baine      | John R. and Neva M. Ready      |
| 17. John Joseph Byrne       | John J. and Jean Rearick       |
| 24. Diann Susan Rexford     | Stanley H. and Alma M. Rose    |

## AUGUST

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 4. Gail Susan Tebo        | J. Stewart and Marion Jones          |
| 7. Nancy Hastings Wendell | John W. Jr. and Nancy W.<br>Crompton |

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 19. Jill Carver Clarke    | Thomas C. and Corinne Carver |
| 19. Anne Maxwell Newbold  | Thomas and Noreen Maxwell    |
| 24. George Tobey Mercer   | Douglas and Pauline L. Tobey |
| 27. William Thayer Maclay | David S. and Adele T. Squibb |

## SEPTEMBER

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| 3. David Hinds Reid, Jr.       | David H. and Janice B. Gould       |
| 4. Jennifer Ray Sears          | Winslow W. and Marcia L. King      |
| 8. David Watson Cutter         | Charles B. and Dorothy C. Whitaker |
| 9. Marilyn Beatrice Jenney     | Stoddard and Pauline F. Baine      |
| 16. Richard Wayne Shriner, Jr. | Richard W. and Elizabeth F. Toner  |
| 19. Rebecca Anne Ellis         | George H. and Sylvia Poor          |
| 20. Helen Thornton Belser      | Anthony A. Jr. and Helen Price     |
| 30. Kingsley Chamberlain       | Kingsley F. and Josephine Smith    |
- Norris, II

## OCTOBER

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|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 6. Diane Harriett Gonyer | Ernest W. and Eunice E. Kimball    |
| 6. Donna Jean Gonyer     | Ernest W. and Eunice E. Kimball    |
| 23. Ellen Minihan        | Kenneth V. and Margaret F. O'Neill |

## NOVEMBER

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 11. Patrick Richard Buckley. | Maurice J. and Marie E. Hartigan |
| 14. John Charles Gates       | Lloyd S. and Loretta Hassell     |
| 25. Alexandra Perkins        | John A. Perkins and Karen Hall   |
| 28. Amy Catherine Lind       | Frank and Catherine O'Hare       |

## DECEMBER

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| 15. Linda Elizabeth Kingsbury | David A. and Lillian G. Fyre  |
| 16. Pamela Sue Howe           | Douglas B. Jr. and Marguerite |
- Honnors

## 1947

## APRIL

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| 25. John Stewart Ellis | Robert S. and Margaret A. Efird |
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## NOVEMBER

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| 4. Andrew Wylie   | Craig and Angela Fowler        |
| 10. Louise Shaler | Amos J. and Patricia H. Bowman |

## Marriages

### JANUARY

Date

30. George H. Manning and Althea Stevens both of Weston

### FEBRUARY

14. Theodore E. Otto of Weston and Anita H. Von Hoff of Waltham
22. David A. Kingsbury of Weston and Lillian G. Frye of Lowell
29. John F. Krakowski of Middleboro and Saada M. Gage of Weston

### MARCH

2. Raymond E. Place of Wayland and Rose S. Gage of Weston
4. Benjamin P. Adams of Weston and Dorothy R. Brackett of Revere
12. Gilbert M. Upham of Weston and Myrtis E. Simmons of Waltham
30. Douglas Schofield and Virginia Wheeler both of Weston

### APRIL

3. Wilmer A. Smith of Framingham and Ruth E. Schofield of Dover
19. James J. Dunn of Quincy and Rose T. Kelly of Weston
25. Frederick Campbell of Weston and Alice R. Lansed of Newton
28. Llewellyn Howland of Dartmouth and Georgina P. Fisher of Weston

### MAY

3. Charles H. Russell of Weston and Alice E. Bourque of Waltham
16. Roy H. Hedrick of Cambridge and Filomena A. Cugini of Weston

### JUNE

5. John G. Farrow of Arlington and Dorothea M. Pease of Newton
5. Charles F. Morse of Weston and Elizabeth P. Burbank of Wayland
6. Theodore G. Rand of Newton and Lucy Richardson of Weston
13. Alexander F. Wenckus, Jr. of Waltham and Barbara E. Hanney of Weston
19. Philip T. Pope of New Jersey and Charlotte E. Thrall of Weston
20. Frank O. Shaw and Christine E. Tebo both of Weston
27. John T. Maher of Waltham and Kathryn B. Place of Weston

### JULY

3. Hugh J. McBride of Waltham and Irene Williams of Weston
10. Lawrence W. Dimmick of Hyde Park and Frances A. Kenney of Weston
24. Clarence F. King of Brighton and Eleanor M. C. Kessler of Marlborough
25. Alan S. Rosenberg of Boston and Evelyn Windheim of Brookline

## AUGUST

7. Russell O. Phoenix and Catherine M. Freeman both of Weston
15. Edward R. Speare II of Weston and Vasilia Verenis of Brighton
29. Francis W. Palfrey, Jr. of Duxbury and Katherine Dewey of Weston

## SEPTEMBER

1. Wallis E. Drew of Weston and Doris Hoyt of Wellesley
3. Parker Wilson Hastings of Weston and Emilienne Lowell of Dunstable
11. Donald G. Mossman of Somerville and Elinor M. Nye of Brookline
11. John E. Thayer, III of Lancaster and Margaret B. Thayer of Weston
11. Maynard S. Renner of Weston and Patricia L. Klein of Cambridge
18. John F. Krasny of Washington, D. C., and Mary T. Allen of Weston
18. Roy B. Anderson of Weston and May Jensen of Newton

## OCTOBER

10. Lewis J. Hull of Groveland and Geraldine E. Morgan of Weston
17. Fred S. Wilson, Jr. of Waltham and Elizabeth M. Tebeau of Weston
17. John Sorabella, Jr. of Watertown and Amelia F. Coviello of Weston

## NOVEMBER

10. William L. Page of Weston and Lois T. Green of Cambridge
20. Robert M. DeLong of Weston and Barbara M. Truax of Boston
27. Oliver E. Coffin and Anna C. Colantuono, both of Waltham

## DECEMBER

28. Robert W. Sayles, Jr. of Weston and Barbara Kincaid of Wellesley

## Deaths

## JANUARY

Date	Name	Place of Birth	Age	
4.	Elizabeth E. Huntress	Lawrence , Mass.	86	2 2
15.	Esther C. Holmes	Halifax, N. S.	81	3 27
16.	Henry L. Viles	Weston, Mass.	88	0 24
19.	Mary M. C. Barton	Nova Scotia	84	2 28
21.	Maria D. Deakin	Utica, N. Y.	75	— —

## FEBRUARY

5.	Bro. John Joselyn	Newfoundland	52	— —
26.	Fr. John J. Creeden	Arlington, Mass.	76	— —



## MARCH

4. Ernest A. Mullins	Lowell, Mass.	51	1	22
15. Stillborn				
18. Peter B. Paine	Boston, Mass.	1	7	18
21. George Small	England	53	8	1

## APRIL

10. Arthur F. Follansbee	Middleboro, Mass.	39	6	1
14. Elizabeth Ribble Wheeler	Canada	84	—	—
17. Frederick W. Derbyshire	Waltham, Mass.	60	9	2

## MAY

10. James B. Greason, Sr.	New York, N. Y.	79	7	27
18. Homer N. Sweet	Attleboro, Mass.	62	5	14

## JUNE

9. Mary E. Trainos	Acton, Mass.	78	8	2
11. Helen P. LeClear	Leominster, Mass.	74	—	—
12. Howard M. Schutt	Caroline, N. Y.	81	7	5
22. Allen A. Mosher	Nova Scotia	88	5	29

## JULY

4. Mary A. Jones	Weston, Mass.	102	5	12
5. Bro. Thomas F. O'Donnell	No. Andover, Mass.	90	—	—
7. Sarah P. Norris	Hightstown, N. J.	82	3	29
23. Sarah E. Currie	Wisconsin	90	5	12

## AUGUST

24. Marie A. Jones	Switzerland	73	4	0
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## SEPTEMBER

4. Anne M. Newbold	Boston, Mass.	—	—	16
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## OCTOBER

5. Harlan C. Berry,	Weston, Mass.	50	11	19
10. Bessie Roberts Jones	Boston, Mass.	86	9	24

## NOVEMBER

6. Herbert W. Robinson	Windham, Maine	91	3	9
8. Margaret Walsh	Ireland	80	10	6
24. Seymour S. Chapman	Maine	80	2	10

## DECEMBER

8. Irene Marie Hatch	Lowell, Mass.	41	11	6
14. Patrick J. Buckley	Ireland	68	—	—
15. Bernard O. McMahon	Lincoln, Mass.	72	11	14
15. Rev. Robert Swickerath	Germany	79	—	—
19. Edmund H. Trowbridge	New York, N. Y.	38	10	19

## Number of dog licenses issued during the year:

334 males at \$2	\$668.00	
89 females at \$5.	445.00	
187 female spayed at \$2.	374.00	
4 kennel licenses at \$25.	100.00	
9 kennel licenses at \$10.	90.00	
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		\$1,677.00

Fees deducted (623 licenses at 20 cents)	\$124.60	
Paid to Middlesex County by Treasurer	1,552.40	
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		\$1,677.00

## Number of licenses issued during the year under the Division of Fisheries and Game:

77 Fishing at \$2.	\$154.00	
57 Hunting at \$2.	114.00	
59 Sporting at \$3.25	191.75	
30 Female and Minor Fishing at \$1.25	37.50	
2 Resident Citizen Trapping at \$5.25	10.50	
2 Non-Resident Citizen Fishing at \$5.25	10.50	
1 Duplicate at 50 cents	.50	
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		\$518.75

227 licenses at 25 cents	56.75	
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	462.00	
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		518.75

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## REPORT OF THE BULLETIN COMMITTEE

The Town Bulletin Committee submits the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1948.

There have been ten regular issues published during the past year. The total expense has been \$887.33.

The Committee hopes that this year its request for an increased appropriation will be granted in order that the Bulletin may be gotten out with a shorter lapse of time between the deadline for news and distribution.

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Abandoned cars .....	3
Accidents .....	35
Ambulance calls .....	17
Buildings broken into .....	9
Cats gassed .....	14
Complaints and investigations .....	572
Dog complaints .....	133
Dogs gassed .....	6
Dogs taken to pound .....	18
Houses vacant .....	126
Property reported stolen .....Appropriate value	\$2,459
Property recovered .....Approximate value	640
Summonses served .....	115
Summonses returned without service .....	6

Arrests made:	Male	Female
Annoying and accosting .....	1	
Arson .....	1	
Assault and battery .....	1	
Attempting to steal shrubbery .....	1	
Automobile violations .....	28	1
Contributing to delinquency of a minor .....		1
Default warrant .....	4	
Disturbance .....	2	
Driving to endanger .....	4	1
Drunk .....	5	1
Escape from Fernald School .....	1	
Going away after injury to property .....	1	
Going away after injury to person .....	1	
Insane .....		1
Larceny .....	5	
Larceny of automobile .....	3	
Open and gross lewdness .....	2	
Operating under influence .....	5	1
Refusing to stop for police .....	1	
Runaway .....	2	
Safekeeping .....	1	2
Throwing firecrackers from car .....	1	
Using without authority .....	1	
Vagrancy .....	1	1
Working on Lord's Day .....	3	
	75	9

Disposition of Cases:	Male	Female
Filed .....		3
Fined .....		2
Grand Jury, held for .....	1	
House of Correction .....	1	1
Nolo—Filed .....	1	
McLean .....		1
Not Guilty .....	6	
Probation .....	2	
Released .....	1	
Returned to Fernald School .....	1	
Suspended sentence .....	4	
Turned over to outside police .....	5	1
Turned over to parents .....	2	
Turned over to relatives .....		1
	75	9

Disposition of cases in Superior Court:

Assault with intent to rob	State Prison 9—14 yrs.
Breaking, entering and larceny	State Prison 7—10 yrs.
Arson	Concord Reformatory 6 yrs.
Operating after revocation of license	Fined \$50.00
Operating without being licensed	Filed

We have seen a great change in our Police Department in the past year. Officer Raynor's retirement in March and Officer Berry's sudden death in October took from us two men hard to replace. We shall all miss them.

We were fortunate in solving the two serious crimes that faced us during the year and the perpetrators are now in jail for long terms.

The tan Mercury which had been used most with mileage well over 80,000 was replaced by a new Mercury the last day of 1948. Under our State law, the allowance for our old car can not be credited toward the purchase of a new one but must be turned in to the Town treasury and the full price of the new car paid by the Police Department. This is reflected in a larger appropriation than is actually needed.

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## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

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Number of permits issued	242
Fees collected	\$424.50

## REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

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During the past year the Department has responded to 88 bell alarms and 38 still alarms:

Brush Fires	15	Frozen Water Pipe	1
Grass Fires	30	Unlock Bathroom	1
Needless Fires	13	Gas-filled room	1
Radio Trans.	1	Cellars pumped out	7
Bus Fire	1	Automobile Fires	11
Electric Heater	1	Dump Fires	14
Building Fires	9	Refrigerator Leaks	3
Chimney Fires	8	Gasoline Fumes	1
Oil Burner Fires	7	Fat on Stove	1
Rubbish Fires	1	Electric Blanket	1

Called to help outside Town  
Waltham                      2

### Number of runs made by each truck

Engine #1	20 runs	Engine #3	70 runs
Engine #2	30 "	Engine #4	20 "
Ladder #1	21 "	Engine #5	52 "

### Fire Chief

Maurice L. Upham

### Permanent Men

Stephen L. Colpitts	F. Wyman Johnson
Daniel E. Compton	John A. Compton
Albert J. White	

### Drill Master

F. Wyman Johnson

### Honorary Members

Winfred A. Martin	John E. Lingley
Jeremiah Sliney	Frank B. Riley
Augie W. Johnson	Harold W. Coburn
Oscar S. Payne	Herbert E. Lyons
Clarence Hyde	Erlon A. Merrill



**Callmen****Deputy**

Harold B. Colpitts

**Radioman****Ladderman**

Robert G. Hutchinson

Thomas Williams

**Engine Company**

Herbert B. Crouch

Guy L. Akers

Henry W. Lingley

Charles R. Barker, Jr.

Frank O. Shaw

Warren E. Vittum

Alan T. Wheeler, Jr.

John A. Cain

Alexander Z. Jones

John H. Clark

Robert DeLong

Maurice DeLong

Robert R. Stevens

John W. P. Young

G. Leonard Upham

Hugh N. MacDonald

Leander F. Rafuse

J. Wesley Jones

Edward Dickson

There has been a decrease in the number of fires this year over last.

More than half of all fires and accidents occur in homes. Most of the dwelling fires and accidents which are occurring somewhere every minute of the day throughout the year could be prevented. A number of these tragedies occur even in the best constructed homes because of the carelessness of the people living in them. If you have planned your home for safety, you have materially reduced or entirely eliminated some of the factors which contribute to fires and accidents. You have not, however, eliminated the carelessness of people. From the day on which you moved into your home, you and your family have been creating hazards of occupancy by the every-day acts of eating, sleeping, working and playing.

Thousands of persons are killed and many more are injured every year. Property loss in home fires runs into millions of dollars. Most of this is sheer unnecessary waste!

Why these appalling figures? Why these thousands upon thousands of personal tragedies? Simply because some people do not observe the fundamental rules of fire and accident prevention, yet their lives and property are at stake.

Municipalities have adopted ordinances to assure safety in places of public assembly. Industry takes measures to protect its workers and property, but the home dwellers often does not exercise reasonable care in his everyday living habits. The best safeguard against fire and accident household hazards is the development of safe habits by every member of the family. This includes orderly habits with a place for everything and everything in its place, not permitting paper, old furniture and discarded toys to accumulate in the attic or the basement,

proper disposal of ashes in metal containers not exceeding one bushel in capacity; and having a healthy respect for electrical equipment and appliances and the manner in which they should be used.

If, in spite of all your precautions, you should be so unfortunate as to experience a fire in your home, it is important that you know the proper steps to take when this tragedy occurs. In the event of fire, call the Fire Department first. Know the location of the nearest fire alarm box and the method of sounding an alarm. If the fire alarm box is not nearby, call the Fire Department immediately by telephone. Have the number in a conspicuous place for quick use. Make sure also that each member of your household has similar knowledge.

Despite all your vigilance, fire may break out in your home. Don't be unprepared mentally. Right now think out what your plan of action would be. Keep cool! While it is important to act quickly, do not let excitement make you do the wrong things.

The important part of planning for the eventuality of fire is to do everything now to safeguard lives and if you enlist the help of all who live in your house in your fire prevention activities, they will know how to help themselves, to save lives and to control the fire. When fire occurs, the first five minutes are worth more than the next five hours. Each should know the available means of escape, that porches make excellent places of temporary refuge. Ladders kept on porch roof, secured by chains so that they would not be lost when slid over the edge, insure a means of escape independent of outside assistance. Connecting doors between, giving access to a porch without going into halls are valuable. Right now, make sure there are no broken windows, shutters and doors to carry drafts that will fan flames to dangerous proportion. If, when you smell smoke, the door of your room is closed, feel it with your hand before you attempt to open it. If it is warm to the touch, do not open the door. Even if there is no flame on the other side of the door there will be hot gasses which will snuff out life as soon as they are inhaled. Many persons who are killed by fire have no burns on their bodies but have been killed by breathing the overheated air. Seek another means of exit if the door is warm. If the door is cool, put your foot behind it and open it cautiously; slam it shut if the fire or hot air threatens to rush in. If there is smoke but no flame in the hallway, tie a wet cloth around your mouth and nose and crawl on your hands and knees. The freshest air is directly above the floor. Close all doors as you pass them to keep the fire from spreading. These are important things to remember to save lives. Do not jump from a window except as a last resort. It is better to tear a sheet into strips, tie them into a rope, fasten one end of the rope securely and slide to the ground. If you have to jump, throw out mattress and bedding to break your fall. Always save life before property.

If your clothing should catch fire, do not run! That simply fans

the flames, makes them burn more fiercely. Lie down and wrap up in a rug, shawl, overcoat, blanket, or whatever is handiest. If nothing can be grabbed to wrap up in, lie down and roll slowly and at the same time beat out the flames with your hands.

It is extremely important that all these instructions be firmly impressed upon the minds of children. Teach your children the fundamental fire prevention measures. It may save their lives should a fire occur when you are not at home.

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## WESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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To the Selectmen of the Town of Weston:

The Historical Committee submits the following report for the year 1948:

The meeting for the year was held at the Town House on December 11th. Present: Mr. Ripley, Miss Fiske, and Mr. Henry Patterson, recently appointed Town Historian and a member of the Committee to take the place of Miss Alice Jones.

Acquisitions during the year:

From Mr. Harold Graves of Weston:

Original document dated 1777 from H. Gardner, Treasurer of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in regard to the Town Assessment,

From the Library:

Copy of the History of the old Oliver Robbins house

From Mrs. Meserve of Weston:

Uniform of Civil War Officer, complete with sword and scabbard (rank of captain) which belonged to Mr. Meserve's father. Also the roster of his regiment: Company A, 33rd Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers from Lynnfield, Massachusetts.

The Committee will be glad to receive any gifts relative to the early history of Weston, or any articles of historical interest.

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## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH DEPARTMENT

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The control of the Gypsy Moth has been effectively accomplished along the town ways for the second successive year through the use of DDT.

Several hilltops and isolated, inaccessible areas still harbor this pest, and a complete coverage of the town trees with insecticide seems advisable in order to keep the Gypsy Moth from spreading.

## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

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On December 18, 1948, I was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to the position of Tree Warden of the Town of Weston to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Gilbert Upham. Based on my fifteen years of experience in tree care, I will do my best to serve the town faithfully.

As we are faced with the threat of the Dutch Elm Disease, I will follow the recommendations of the University of Massachusetts as to the best and most up-to-date methods of control of this disease.

The Dutch Elm Disease has been found in 120 towns in Massachusetts and in five towns in Middlesex County. The nearest case is in the Town of Wellesley. I believe that we must live with this disease as we did with many other diseases and pests in the past.

As far as is known, the best methods of control seem to be tree sanitation, three sprayings per year with D.D.T. to control the scolytus beetle, the known carrier of the Dutch Elm Disease, and feeding to invigorate weak trees.

To carry out this Elm tree protective program, along with the usual maintenance work of other street trees, I am asking for an appropriation of \$5600 for this department.

I think the possibility of establishing a Town Forest should be given serious consideration, as in time this would offer a source of revenue to the town.

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

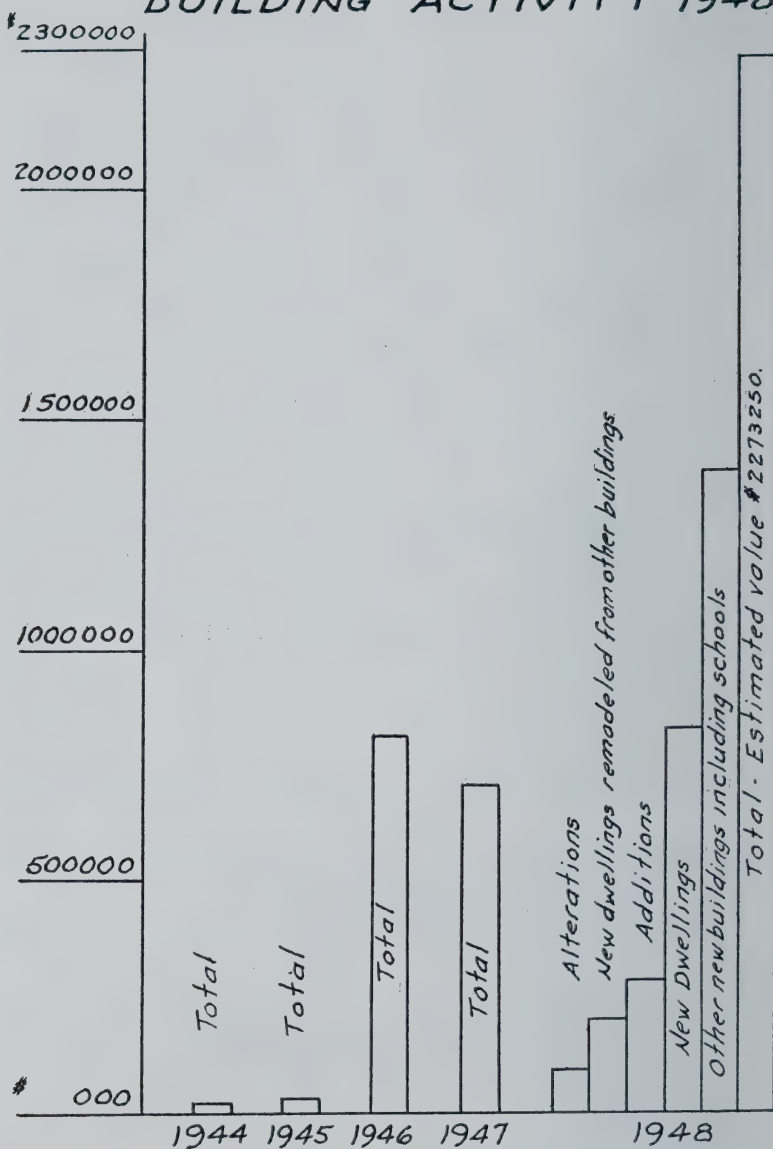
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Following is the report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1948:

Scales	Adjusted	Sealed	Non-Sealed	Condemned
Platform, over 10,000 lbs.		2		
Platform, under 5,000 lbs.	1	7		
Counter, under 100 lbs.		6		
Spring, under 100 lbs.	1	14		
Computing, under 100 lbs.		6		
Person weigher (slot)		1		
Avoirdupois		9		
Capacity liquid measures under 1 gallon		10		
Gasoline Meters		15		
Kerosene pumps		1		
Grease measuring devices		4		

Fees amounting to \$19.32 were turned in to the Town Treasurer.

# BUILDING ACTIVITY-1948



1948

51 permits for new dwellings

10 permits for alterations

14 permits for additions

3 permits for dwellings remodeled from other buildings

7 permits for all other new buildings including schools



## REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN WESTON

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The Recreation Commission was organized for 1948 after the Town Meeting with Mr. Hurley as Chairman and Mrs. Field as Secretary.

In November 1948, Mr. Gilbert M. Upham resigned from the Commission as a result of his change of residence to Barre, Massachusetts. On behalf of the Commission, Mr. Upham had supervised the maintenance of the swimming pool property and, in addition, had participated most enthusiastically in the general activities of the Commission. It was with great reluctance that his resignation was received after several years of such outstanding service to the Commission and the youth of Weston. Mr. Karl Adams, Jr. was appointed by the Selectmen and the Commission in place of Mr. Upham to serve until the next annual Town Meeting.

During 1948, the Recreation Commission continued to emphasize its summer activities at the playground and swimming pool and, in addition, developed a most successful program for teen-agers at the Case House. The Commission staff consisted of John Proctor as Director, Robert Starmer as Assistant Director, Frederick Crafts, Virginia Stevens, Catherine Howard, and Aimo Teittinen and Edward Speare on part time basis. The Commission was fortunate in having the services of volunteer workers, namely, Mrs. Elizabeth Doyle, in connection with the teen age activities at the Case House, and Sally Caffrey and Betsy Wilder, who assisted in the playground activities. The assistance and cooperation of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, caretakers of the Case House, in connection with the teen-age program was also greatly appreciated.

### 1. The Swimming Pool

The swimming season began on June 22 and continued through August 10 when the pool was closed two weeks earlier than usual because of the polio outbreak. In spite of this early termination the attendance amounted to 3,320 or a weekly average of almost 500. Up to the time of closing, the number preparing for the swimming examinations had increased in comparison with prior years, but many children were unable to complete their swimming tests because of the short pool season. The boys and girls who passed the required tests in Red Cross swimming courses are as follows:

#### Beginners' Course

Total 37

#### Boys

Paul Allen  
James Beckman

Wendal Chapman  
Jack Compton

John Ellis  
Bernie Foote



Dick Floyd  
Richard Hartwell  
John Halquist

Frank Hippel  
Dan Melone  
Marty Pollock  
Peter Robinson

Jeff Robbins  
Holmes Wager  
John Young

#### Girls

Carol Abbot  
Nancy Barker  
Fay Brouillette  
Debby Chase  
Penny Elliston  
Alison Hower  
Alice Havey

Penny Hall  
Cathy Minihan  
Nancy Mailman  
Judy Nilan  
Carol Raynor  
Mary Sullivan  
Patsy Travis

Barbara Travis  
Marsha Travis  
Dottie White  
Theresa Young  
Lee Janeway  
Jill Kellogg

#### Intermediate Course

Total 6

#### Boys

Paul Hanney  
Paul Allen

Jimmy Clark  
Larry Funderburke

John Halquist  
Russell Chamberlain

#### Swimmer's Course

Total 9

#### Boys

Tom Barbetti  
Rodney Bridges  
Robert Pollock

Dean Cahill  
David Cahill  
John Pooler

Richard Funderburke  
Ronnie Darroch  
Steven Gilligan

#### Advanced Swimmers' Course

Total 5

Marcy Gates  
Marion Gage

Carol Dunbar  
Jane Turner

Mary Wyman

#### Junior Life Savers' Course

Total 2

William Beckman

Buddy Hallett

#### Senior Life's Savers' Course

Peter Forbes

## 2. Playground Activities

In this field, the Commission provided most forms of athletic activity for various age groups interested in recreation.

During the winter, a basketball league was formed among young men of the town and continued until about March 1st. From the interest shown, this activity should expand in years to come. In the spring, organized soft ball was provided for this age group, with forty to sixty boys and young men participating from the time that the ground was playable until the end of the summer.

For boys in the fifth to eighth grades, Saturday morning basketball was provided with scheduled games that ran throughout the winter months. In the spring, a baseball league was established for this group with games on Saturday mornings. This activity was particularly appreciated by the younger boys who were unable to play baseball on the field during the week when it was used by the High School varsity. In addition to organized baseball games, the Commission provided for instruction in boxing, judo and tennis.

During the summer, the program of the Recreation Commission included sports for both boys and girls, such as deck tennis, tennis, stunts, tumbling, badminton, ring-toss, archery and soft ball. The craft shop was open two days a week and the daily attendance averaged approximately twenty-five children until the polio scare caused a drop to about ten children.

## 3. The Case House Program

As a result of the High School fire, it was impossible to use the school gymnasium as a gathering place for the teen-age group on summer evenings. Parents of boys and girls of high school age were strongly of the opinion that this program should be continued. Accordingly, the Commission, acting through Mrs. Speare, Mrs. Field and Mr. Cummings, invited a representative group of parents and a group of young people to consult with them as to ways and means.

It was determined that, if proper arrangements could be made with the School Committee, the Case House would be admirably adapted for the teen-age program in view of its wide verandas, beautiful grounds, its lovely rooms and its homelike atmosphere. The School Committee was immediately consulted and, as a result of the cooperation of that Committee, permission was given to the Recreation Commission to use the Case House for its program.

It then became necessary to establish adequate supervision for the evening program in view of the fact that the Commission's budget was not sufficient to provide for the necessary personnel. It was arranged, however, that Miss Howard of the Recreation Staff should be assigned to the Case House for one evening during the week, and Mrs. Elizabeth Doyle agreed to contribute her time for supervision during the other evening. Serving without pay, Mrs. Doyle was an immeasurable factor in the success of the Case House program, not only for the time that

she spent at the Case House but also in connection with the meetings held at her home, where she provided lunch for the members of the Young People's Committee. The Commission placed a considerable amount of responsibility for operation of the program upon the young people themselves, subject, however, to the overall supervision of the adult in attendance. The participation of the young people in the operation of the program was an undoubted success and should be accentuated in the future.

Necessary arrangements having been made, the Case House was used by the teen-agers on Wednesdays and Fridays of each week from 8 o'clock P. M. until 11 o'clock P. M. for a period of eight weeks. On one night a week there was a short movie program and the rest of the time was spent in ping pong, card and table games, conversation and some dancing. Where the Commission did not have the proper equipment for the program, it was obtained from kind friends or, as in the case of the record player, loaned by the School Committee. There was a shortage of furniture such as chairs and small tables which would have provided a more clublike atmosphere.

The success of the Case House program can be well indicated by the attendance of the teen-agers. On the opening night, twenty-five teen-agers appeared, but by the end of the summer the number averaged between fifty and sixty each evening, and on one occasion there were seventy-five in attendance.

The interest of the young people in the Case House program was also a factor in the development of other recreational activities. As a result of meetings between the parents and the young people, a series of outdoor picnics were held at the homes of several public-spirited citizens. The young people brought their own food and prepared it out of doors. The evenings were spent in playing baseball, kick-the-can and other games in which large numbers could participate. The hosts and hostesses of these parties acted as chaperons since the activities of the Commission did not extend to private property. The Young People's Committee also arranged for a square dance at the Town Hall in conclusion of the summer recreational season. This dance was quite a success and the young people have asked that the teen-age program should be continued throughout the year. The use of the Case House for school purposes has, however, not permitted this to be done.

The success of the Case House program has indicated to the Recreation Commission the desirability of the use of the Case House for recreational purposes when there is no longer a need of it for school purposes. In the opinion of the Recreation Commission, the Case House has made an ideal center for summer recreational activities, but its recreational uses for general town purposes should, in the opinion of the Commission, be extended in the future on a year-round basis.

The Recreation Commission recognizes that it is only one of the official town bodies dealing with the young people. With this in mind, the Recreation Commission has met with the School Committee and

has discussed in detail mutual problems with the hope that the summer program of the Commission may be integrated with activities of the school during the fall, winter and spring months.

#### 4. Local Recreational Areas

At the last Town Meeting, the Recreation Commission was authorized to continue its study of local recreational areas, in consultation with Shurcliff & Shurcliff of Boston. The Commission has met with the Planning Board and has recommended areas which should be preserved for recreational use should there be any serious danger that the areas might be lost because of housing development. The official report of the Recreation Commission with respect to these areas will be filed with the Planning Board so that the interests of the town in recreational areas may be protected should the need for such protection arise.

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### REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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#### Expenditures:

Care of Town Common:	\$1,037.38
Care of other Park Lands:	100.00
Total	1,137.38
Planting of trees and shrubs and care thereof:	514.75

Of the amount spent for the care of the Town Common the sum of \$638.78 was taken from the accumulated interest on the Town Common Fund. As interest on this Fund amounts to a little over \$300 annually it would appear that we ate into our surplus to the extent of a little over \$300. The remaining expenditures, amounting to \$498.60, were charged to the annual appropriation, amounting to \$520.

There has at times seemed to be some uncertainty as to the responsibilities of the Park Commissioners: Their recognized responsibilities are the care of four lots of land: The Town Common, a parcel of land adjacent to the Town House known as the Lamson Lot, Soldier's Field, and a triangular lot at the intersection of School and Wellesley Streets adjacent to the Girl Scout House. In addition the Park Commissioners are responsible for utilizing the interest from the Sears Fund for Planting Trees and Shrubs, currently amounting to about \$150 annually.

The Town Common is by far the major responsibility and accordingly, with our extremely limited resources we have concentrated on the Town Common and have spent only enough on the other areas to keep them in their existing condition. Nothing has been done on the Lamson Lot for



some years and its condition is bad. To improve its condition would require a sizable appropriation.

Under Mr. Martin's supervision the Town Common has been greatly improved by the removal of rocks, filling in of holes, removal of two large decayed elms, pruning, removal of weeds etc. Some of this work should have been done years ago, but has been constantly postponed. A good deal of it will have to be done every year. Altogether it would appear that if the Town Common is to be kept in first class condition the annual income from the Town Common Fund will not cover much more than one third of the cost.

Further planting of trees and shrubs was done on the Common which should greatly enhance its beauty in future years. The total spent, including some expenditure for the care of shrubs previously planted, amounted to \$514.75, which was taken from accumulated interest on the Sears Fund for Planting Trees and Shrubs.

During the year it seemed that there should be a clear statement of policy regarding the use of the Town Common. Accordingly a few simple rules were formulated which we felt to be in the interest of the townspeople. These were published in the Town Reporter. Briefly, the Town Common may not be used for entertainments, fairs, meetings, sports events or other similar functions without permission from the Park Commissioners. It is their policy to permit the use of the Town Common for such purposes only upon written application and when the function in question meets the three following requirements:

1. That it is conducted by a Weston organization or resident.
2. That it is open to all residents of the Town.
3. That it is conducted either without profit or for the sole benefit of an organization the membership of which is composed principally of Weston residents.

After permission is granted the applicant shall be responsible for the orderly conduct of the function in question and the cleaning up of the Common afterward. The applicant shall also be responsible for the cost of repairing any damage to the grounds resulting from the function.

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## REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

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In the past year, the Planning Board has met approximately 75 times regularly on Mondays, and additionally for frequent survey trips and two meetings with the Wellesley Planning Board.

The "Long Range Financial Plan", after conference with the major boards involved, was prepared and distributed to all Weston voters. It

is important that all taxpayers read and understand the implications of the facts in this report.

During the year, the Board canvassed representative organizations in Weston to secure a wide range of opinion on a War Memorial. The results were presented at an open meeting in October. In accordance with expression of opinion at this meeting, the following War Memorial Advisory Committee was appointed by the Board to continue the study of a suitable Memorial. The recommendations of this Committee will be made public as soon as they are available.

L. MANLIUS SARGENT, Chairman  
 BENJAMIN P. ADAMS  
 MURRAY BURKE  
 EDWARD DICKSON  
 J. PHILIP LANE  
 MRS. C. RICHARD SODERBERG  
 ALBERT M. TABER

Plans have been completed for a parking area in the center of town, and will be presented at an early Town Meeting. Adequate parking facilities will not only make our business center more attractive, but will eliminate the dangerous traffic condition on the Post Road.

In connection with the shopping center, the Board has appointed an Architectural Advisory Committee, listed below, to draw up recommendations as to the exterior appearance of future business and industrial structures in the Town.

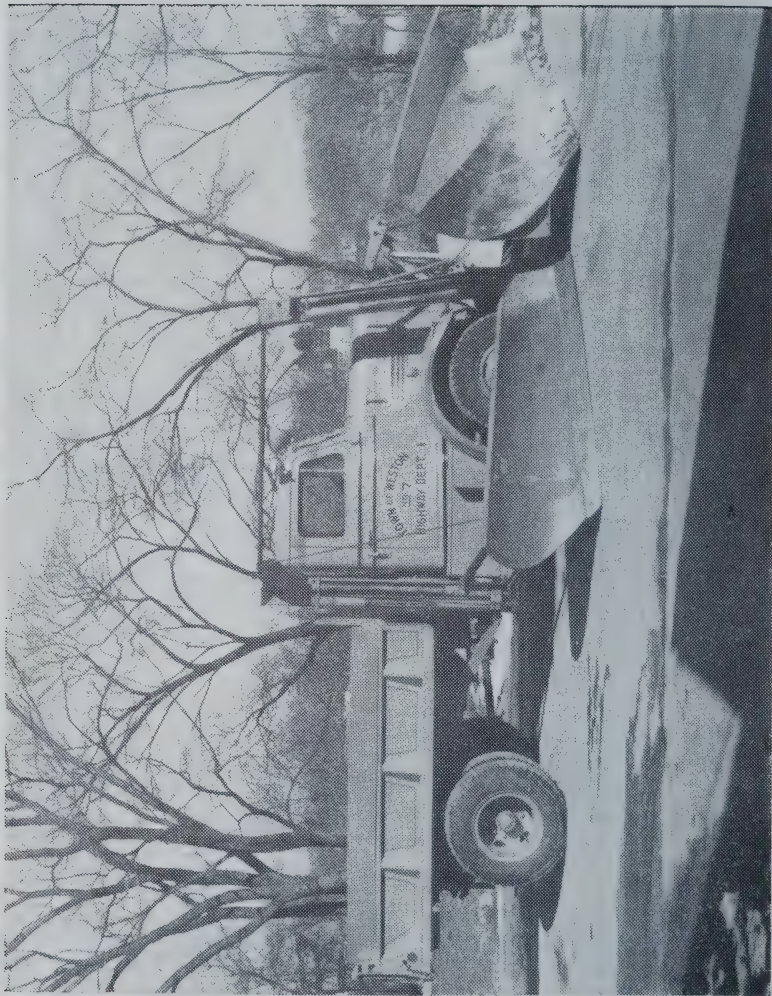
HAROLD B. WILLIS, Chairman  
 JOHN I. CONNOLLY  
 T. ROBERT FROST  
 MRS. DONALD J. HURLEY  
 MRS. FREDERICK WINSOR, JR.  
 MAURICE L. UPHAM, ex officio

Work is progressing on a Master Plan. Of necessity, completion of this plan will be slow, unless it is the wish of the Town that outside aid be employed at considerable expense.

Basic Maps of the Town are approximately 65% complete, and those sections finished comprise the most heavily populated parts of town. The completed maps are currently available to the assessors and other Town officials.

The Board continues to meet each Monday evening. All citizens are welcome by appointment at that time.





OSHKOSH 4 WHEEL DRIVE. PURCHASED FEBRUARY 1943

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

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### Chapter 90 Construction

During 1948 work was started on the reconstruction of North Avenue between Merriam Street and the Lincoln Town Line. This part of the road was entirely rebuilt, widened and all dangerous curves removed.

The rebuilding of this part of North Avenue was done by Greenough Bros. under Chapter 90 Construction.

Work was also started on the relocation of a part of North Avenue from Merriam Street to a point opposite 432 North Avenue. Due to the lateness of the season the contractors were unable to complete this project. Work will be resumed as early as possible in 1949. Contract for this was awarded to the Auburndale Construction Company under Chapter 90 Construction.

### Chapter 90 Maintenance

Funds for Chapter 90 Maintenance were not available to the Highway Department in 1948 due to allotments given to the Town under Chapter 90 Construction for the rebuilding and relocation of different sections of North Ave.

### Resurfacing of Streets

About thirty-five thousand gallons of asphalt was used to surface treat and hone the following streets:

Ash Street	River Road
Church Street	Summer Street
Concord Road	Warren Avenue
Granison Road	Ware Street
Newton Street	Webster Road
Pigeon Hill Road	Westland Road

### Drainage

All drainage systems including pipe, culverts, waterways and catch-basins were cleaned and repaired as needed during the year. New catch-basins were installed on River Road.

About ninety feet of ten inch concrete pipe was installed on Loring Road to drain water flowing from the M. D. C. Water Works.

### Traffic Control and Signs

A number of street signs were replaced with the new metal type, which eventually will replace the old painted wooden signs. School Bus Stop signs have been installed throughout the Town. Existing traffic lines have been repainted and several new ones have been added in different parts of the Town.

### **Snow and Ice**

Abnormal amounts of snow and ice during the months of January, February and March increased the cost of plowing and sanding far above the average for the years preceding 1948. Extra equipment, more outside help was hired and more material such as sand, salt etc. used to keep our streets open and safe to the public were the prime factors for this additional expense.

### **Sidewalks**

Due to the cost of snow removal no work was done to any of our sidewalks. In order to keep within our appropriation we had to postpone this project until 1949. Plans to rebuild and repair sidewalks are included in our budget for 1949.

### **Brush and Poison Ivy**

All brush along the highways and intersections was cut and removed. Contractors were given the work of spraying poison ivy.

### **New Equipment**

A new Model W 307 Oshkosh 4 Wheel drive truck together with a V-type snowplow was purchased in January 1948. A mole board type of plow was also purchased later from the Field Machinery Company of Cambridge.

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## **REPORT OF THE MOSQUITO COMMISSIONER**

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Throughout the past year many Weston residents have commented on the marked reduction in the mosquito nuisance. That a reduction has been accomplished so soon testifies to the fact that our membership in the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project is proving worthwhile. It also indicates that mosquito control can be attained in Weston, as has been stated by Mr. Robert Armstrong, our Project Superintendent.

By being a member of the E.M.M.C.P., Weston stretches its abatement dollars:

- (1) We share the cost of vehicles and equipment instead of providing them ourselves.
- (2) Operation under the State Reclamation Board results in supply purchases through the State at substantial savings.
- (3) Project resources give a supply of labor and equipment available in emergency.

- (4) Individual share in overhead costs decrease as the number of municipalities in the Project increase.
- (5) We benefit from the help of authoritative specialists in the work of mosquito control.

For the year 1947 our membership in the E.M.M.C.P. was inaugurated with an appropriation of \$5,000.00, an amount preliminary survey indicated might suffice. During this first year the thorough survey of the Commission resulted in a recommendation of \$8,000.00 for appropriation in 1948. In 1948 we appropriated again \$5,000.00 and in 1948 seasonal control was the aim of the work and permanent control given second place.

Two years of experience leads us to believe that this years recommendation of the E.M.M.C.P., again \$8,000.00, is a logical figure for Weston's 1949 appropriation. Such an appropriation will permit full 1949 larviciding or seasonal control at an expense of about \$4,000.00 and leave about the same amount for permanent control work such as ditching and culverts. Each successive year the relative amount expended on permanent work should increase as the necessity for seasonal measures decreases. Should Weston continue on this basis we should reach maintenance cleaning of ditches and larviciding of undrainable areas in 10 or 12 years, at which time our annual expense would drop to less than \$4,000.00.

1947 Balance		\$210.63
1948 appropriated		5000.00
Permanent drainage labor	\$1983.42	
Seasonal larviciding labor	975.93	
Other labor	333.10	
Insecticide	256.40	
Airplane service	348.69	
Engineering, inspection, superintendence	793.00	
Insurance	141.00	
Share in vehicles, equipment, rent and all others	846.96	
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	\$5678.50	\$5210.63
1948 Deficit		\$467.87

It is again pointed out that any private work, ditching, oiling of stagnant water, elimination of water retaining rubbish, spraying, which individual property owners do will help Weston more quickly attain its goal-elimination of disease carrying and annoying mosquitos.



## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Interments:	Residents	12	
	Non-residents	13	
	Total	25	
Receipts:	Sale of Lots		\$310.00
	Sale of Perpetual Care		2,133.00
	For Interments		686.00
	For care of lots		240.50
	For grave liners		211.00
	For foundations		102.00
	Miscellaneous		15.65
			\$3,698.15

Receipts from the sale of lots and perpetual care were added to the Sale of Lots Fund and to the Perpetual Care Fund. All other receipts were paid into the Town Treasury.

Total expenditure amounted to \$9,370.60, of which \$8,171.59 was salary and wages. It appears that after taking into account the receipts paid into the Town Treasury and estimated interest from the Perpetual Care Fund, the net cost of the cemetery during the year was about \$6700, or practically the same as in the previous year.

In our last report we recommended the purchase of a sizable tract of undeveloped land belonging to the Marshall Jones family and bordering Linwood Cemetery on the east. By vote of the Town at the Town Meeting held on March 15, 1948 the sum of \$19,000 was appropriated from the Sale of Lots Fund for the purchase and development of this land. Under this appropriation the purchase of land was negotiated for the sum of \$14,000 and title was taken on May 21st. The balance of the appropriation, amounting to \$5000 is being held for use in preliminary development.

As a result of this purchase we now have sufficient room for expansion to take care of our future needs for very many years to come.

In considering the development of this land we have felt that in the interest of economy we should try to accomplish as much as we could each year with our regular staff, rather than undertake immediate development with an enlarged staff or outside contractors. Unfortunately it has not yet been possible to do as much as we had hoped, for we were short-handed for the last few months of the year. More recently this handicap has been somewhat offset by the unusually favorable weather conditions, and work is progressing.

Aside from the purchase of new land as noted above, there is very little to report. The operations of the cemetery have been carried on by our Superintendent, Mr. Martin, efficiently and economically. We believe that the grounds have been kept in reasonably good condition and that the facilities provided have been adequate.



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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After serving as a member of the Board of Health for thirty seven consecutive years, Mr. Frank H. Allison resigned in March. The Board wishes to record its appreciation of the active and useful contributions that Mr. Allison has made over this long term of service. Dr. Charles A. Janeway was elected by the Town as a member of the Board.

During the year, revised regulations for the disposal of sewage were adopted.

The chief events in public health in Weston for the year 1948 were as follows:

1. There were seventy-two live births to Weston residents reported for the year, giving a birth rate of 15.5.

2. Thirty-six deaths of residents were reported, giving a very low rate of 7.7 per 1,000. There were three infant deaths, and twenty one of the deaths were over the age of sixty.

3. There were one hundred seventy six cases of dangerous diseases reported as compared with two hundred fifty nine last year. Measles, and chicken pox reached small epidemic proportions in May and June, the other diseases being below average or median excepting infantile paralysis where two cases were reported.

4. One hundred ninety dogs were given the immunizing inoculations at the annual clinic as compared with one hundred sixty nine the previous year. This represents only 31.7% of the licensed dogs in Weston. Rabies has been absent from the State for four years. However, the State Department of Public Health has expressed the view that more general immunization of dogs against rabies is an important contributing factor to this result.

5. A total of three hundred fifty four laboratory tests were performed; one hundred one specimens for diagnosis, forty one samples of water, two hundred four samples of milk, and eight eating utensils. The public water supply was uniformly satisfactory.

Of the two hundred and four samples of milk tested, eighty-four per cent contained fewer than ten thousand bacteria per cubic centimeter.

6. Ten children were given initial immunization against diphtheria, and seventeen received the booster dose in the school clinic. One hundred per cent of the children entering kindergarten were reported to have been immunized, a record which cannot be improved upon.

7. Six hundred seventy children were examined at the Board of Health dental clinic, this being 91.8% of the total school enrollment. There was a total of three hundred and two patient visits, upon whom five hundred seventy eight dental treatments were performed.

8. Nineteen complaints were recorded, and duly followed up.

9. Seventy eight permits for the installation of cesspools or septic tanks were issued, as compared with thirty seven the previous year, and fifty three installations were approved.

One hundred fifty seven permits for plumbing were issued, sixty nine for new work, and eighty eight for alterations.

10. The following summarizes the work of the Inspector of Animals and Slaughter for the year:

Twenty-five dog bites and three miscellaneous bites were investigated and the animals were duly quarantined.

The carcasses of six hogs slaughtered and intended for human consumption, were inspected.

Two barns from which three tuberculin reacting cattle were removed were supervised and inspected for cleaning and disinfection.

Fifteen visits to cattle dealers and dairymen were made, and a total of two hundred and thirty six head of cattle shipped from out of state and Canada were checked and inspected.

### Summary and Recommendations

Comparing the vital statistics for 1948 with previous years the record is very favorable. The death rate is low, reportable diseases were about average, and diseases that are considered preventable such as diphtheria, typhoid, and undulant fever, were absent.

The new plan for the inspection of outside drainage has worked smoothly.

A second nurse, who has the proper qualifications, was appointed as Board of Health nurse to provide better general nursing services.

We repeat two of the recommendations previously made:—

1. That the Town consider providing public collection of garbage in the immediate future.

2. That the visiting nursing association and the Board of Health engage in more joint planning, especially with a view to setting up a well child conference, and considering the employment of the part time services of a nutrition worker.

## REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

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The Board of Health of Weston first adopted the Plumbing rules formulated by the State Examiners of Plumbers 37 years ago. These remained unchanged until about two years ago. On February 13, 1947, the Town adopted new plumbing rules, as formulated by the State Examiners of Plumbing, under Sections 8 and 9 of Chapter 142 of the General Laws.

Infrequently the question arises, "Is it possible to have a local person engaged in the Plumbing business and also be a local plumbing inspector?" This question may be best answered by referring to Section 12 of Chapter 142 which states, "No Inspector of Plumbing shall inspect or approve any plumbing work done by himself, his employer, empolyee, or one employed with him, but in a city or town subject to Section 1 and 17 inclusive, the said inspector of building, or the board of health appoint an additional inspector of Plumbing as therein provided who shall inspect plumbing so done. Said additional inspector may act in the absence or disability of the local inspector and for his services shall receive like compensation." This law has been punctiliously carried out in Weston.

During the year 157 Plumbing Permits were issued for new buildings and alteration work. Fifty of the total permits were inspected by Mr. Fred E. Cookson, Inspector of Plumbing for the Town of Needham, and alternate inspector for the Town of Weston. During Mr. Cookson's absence, the Board of Health has appointed Mr. Chester E. Bossellmann, of Needham as substitute alternate inspector.

The Town has indeed been fortunate in having the able assistance of Mr. Cookson, who has served the Town of Needham for nearly forty years.



FORMER HIGH SCHOOL RECONSTRUCTED AS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1943



## SPECIAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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In April, 1948, as a result of a year of intensive study, the committee had virtually completed plans for the proposed new elementary school, with the expectation of being able to invite bids during May. The high school fire on April 6th resulted in a complete change of planning, and on instructions by the town in May, the committee turned its efforts to the development of plans for a new high school, adapting in so far as possible the elementary school plans already prepared. These plans were made ready for the taking of bids on September 13th. The necessary additional appropriation was made by the town on September 20th and ground was broken September 23rd.

Favored by an unusually mild and open winter, the building operation is comfortably ahead of expectations. No shortages of materials which might cause serious delays have yet become apparent, and at this writing, completion of the school for September occupancy appears possible.

As in any building operation of this nature, many adjustments have been made to the contract after the work was started, since they depend on actual negotiations with the particular contractor employed. Some of these adjustments were made to save cost through use of alternate methods or materials, some were made at no change in cost and result in better solutions of particular problems, and some substituted better materials for those specified because the increased cost of such substitutions was smaller than the architects anticipated when the specifications were drawn.

Two very favorable developments have been encountered, in addition to the weather. Reopening of competition on steel requirements saved \$5,697, and the complete absence of ledge from the building site eliminated the possibilities of extras on that account, which might have been expected. In addition, some slight easing of the building supply and labor situation has cleared the atmosphere for more effective negotiations with the contractor. The degree of cooperation demonstrated by all contractors chosen has impressed the committee favorably, as has the competence of their work.

An important structural change has been made since the signing of contracts. It was originally contemplated that floors would be of concrete poured in removable steel pans, which would leave exposed concrete ceilings to which acoustical tile could be attached. However, the cost of such acoustical tile was estimated at approximately \$22,000 for the building, and the budget submitted called for acoustical tile in corridors and selected rooms only. An ingenious new system has since been adopted which eliminates the use of steel pans and permits floors to be poured directly on top of previously-mounted ceilings of



a different type of acoustic material. The building with this system will have acoustic ceilings at an added cost of \$9,000 instead of \$22,000 and several objectionable features of exposed concrete ceilings will be avoided.

As mentioned in the Town Reporter for January 1949, an area of about four acres to the rear of the building is being graded to the requirements of a baseball diamond and a football field. This was not originally contemplated, but its cost, \$9,200, was more than offset by savings on steel and other savings effected in the original contract price, and the advantages to both use and appearance of the site are obvious. Foundation operations produced a surplus of fill which was used effectively in this grading work.

A third major decision was reached after the danger of extras on account of ledge and boulders had passed. This was the purchase of a folding door to divide the gymnasium in half, to be installed as original equipment rather than to be left for an additional appropriation later. The cost of this power-operated door was \$8,520.

Many minor decisions of a technical nature have been made, resulting in debits or credits to the provision for contingencies, but the net effect of these on the financial picture is not important.

Furniture purchased to date for the new school is now in use at the restored school, having been acquired in advance of need for original equipment in order to allow the high school to open in Weston again in September 1948. Two-thirds of the new furniture remains to be purchased, since the school system is now operating with a large amount of makeshift furniture reclaimed from the fire but not suited for permanent use.

Architects' fees covering the revision of elementary school plans to provide a high school instead amounted to \$12,643.23. Examination of the record shows that this was less than the cost of the architects of engineering services and drafting in their own office. The architects voluntarily offered to reduce their compensation basis from 7½% to 7% because of the inclusion of the gymnasium in the construction program. Payments made to date reflect, in the opinion of the committee, a fair proportion of the total amount to be due in relation to the proportion of architects' services already rendered.

Reclaimed furniture and equipment from the burned high school is to be used wherever possible, and the budget was made up with this in mind. Corridor and gymnasium lockers, shower equipment, laboratory furniture and equipment, and classroom furniture are among the items which are to be used.

The Federal Works Agency loan of \$18,800 for the preparation of plans has not yet been repaid, and it is hoped that a part of this amount may be forgiven because the plans were used only after substantial and costly revisions through no fault of the town. Negotiations are now under way with the Federal Works Agency to this

end. At this writing, applications for State aid under 1947 legislation cannot be made formally, but notice has been given to the State School Building Commission that the town desires to have this project considered as soon as possible. The form which such assistance would take would be contributions towards meeting debt incurred by the town as a result of the project.

The building committee has continued its efforts to keep interested boards, committees, and the school executive staff fully informed of the progress of plans and decisions, and has issued two pamphlet reports to all townspeople during 1948. The first, in March, showed a 20-room elementary school, as originally voted in 1946. The second, in September, showed the 20-room high school with gymnasium which was approved and is now in the course of construction. The committee expects to render its final report in the annual Town Report for 1949, a year hence.

The following statistical summary is presented covering the project from its inception to December 31, 1948:

CONTRACT	CONTRACTOR	Budget	Payments
General	Farina Bros., Inc., Newton	\$549,000 )	\$99,960.53
	(plus adjustments)	3,000 )	
	(plus supervisory fees)	9,896 )	
Heating	J. J. Hurley & Co., Dorchester	86,656	1,327.50
Electrical	MacFarlane & Sons, Boston	49,900	3,240.00
Plumbing	W. H. Mitchell & Sons, Boston	54,240	8,424.00
Sprinklers	Rockwood Sprinkler Co., Boston	7,785	
Furniture		24,000	7,029.11
Architect & Engineers		66,657	63,983.23
Landscaping		5,000	2,095.94
Miscellaneous		8,866	2,321.78
Contingency Provision		60,000	
Total		\$925,000	\$191,661.33

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

This annual report of the School Committee for the year ending December 31, 1948 is based upon the records and studies of the Committee and reports of various members of the staff. (These reports may be examined at the Superintendent's Office.)

### Organization of Committee

Following the Annual Town meeting and re-election of Mortimer T. Farley for a three year term, the Committee met and organized on

March 16, 1948. Mr. Brayton was elected chairman and Mr. Farley secretary.

During the year the Committee held 38 meetings; including 5 with the Finance Committee; 1 with the Planning Board; 1 with the Recreation Committee and various conferences with the Special Building Committee, the Reconstruction Committee and other Town organizations. The Committee also met twice at a combined meeting of the School Committees of the Towns of Lincoln, Sudbury, Wayland and Weston.

### **Surveys and Studies**

During the year the Committee carried on various studies, reading professional literature and attending conferences of the Massachusetts School Committee Association and the New England School Development Council.

The Committee, working with the staff and architects, has studied various problems in connection with the school buildings, their facilities and equipment. Transportation was studied. We also studied in the Spring and again in the Fall the many questions involved in salary policy and the changes necessary to keep it in line with those in other towns.

The Committee has been aided by a study carried on by nineteen citizens on the question "What are the Functions of the Public School in Weston?" The report of this Citizens' Committee was published in the Town Reporter for the month of October, 1948.

### **General Objectives and Policies**

In considering each school problem any School Committee faces a dilemma. We can provide good effective education or we can operate the schools at reduced cost. The point of wise balance is difficult to find. A small school system necessarily has a restricted program, but to sacrifice quality is usually wasteful of the money actually spent and harmful to the pupils.

For the better mutual understanding by everyone, we state our beliefs about the general objectives and policies for your schools. In doing this, we have been aided by the report of the Citizens' Committee of nineteen on "What are the Functions of the Public School in Weston"? We recognize that any statement of policy is necessarily somewhat idealistic, indefinite, or even unattainable. On the other hand, such a statement is helpful to the school itself as a guide and also to the Townspeople in evaluating the school.

In general, we believe that a public school education involves the preparation of the individual child for a useful and enjoyable life as a future member of our democratic society.

But we need something more specific and measurable to serve as guides in selection and appraisal of the school-directed experiences to be used in nourishing the growth of your children. Therefore, and





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more specifically, we believe that the public school should strive to have each child develop to the fullest of his individual capacity:

1. *Skill in The Tools*—Acquire skills in the use of the tools of communication and computation (reading, writing, speech and arithmetic).

2. *Good Health*—Develop good health in body, mind and emotions.

3. *Sound thinking*—Learn to think on the basis of true and complete facts, logically and also creatively.

4. *Culture*—Acquire, and learn to enjoy and use, a cultural background (art, music and literature, etc.).

5. *General Information*—Acquire a background of general information concerning the world about him and our society (history, science and civics).

6. *Self Control*—This involves a realization of the various forces motivating human thought and conduct and the development of habits of making and carrying out wise choices.

7. *Zest for Learning*—The necessity and opportunity for learning continues beyond graduation from school and throughout one's life.

8. *Zeal for Democracy*—Our future citizens should acquire an appreciation of our democratic society, its strengths and weaknesses, the individuals' privileges and responsibilities and also, through practice, an appreciation of the benefits of living to improve one's participation in the operation of our democratic society.

No one of these goals is definitely more important than another. For example, the benefit of a person being excellent in reading, writing and arithmetic is questionable, if at the same time he lacks self control or a zeal for democracy. Furthermore, each child, according to his own capacity, will become more proficient in one respect than in another. There is no one mold that will fit all children.

The duty of seeing that your children attain these goals rests not only with the school, but also with the homes, the churches and other groups or agencies affecting their growth. The school can be expected to do only its share.

To put the school on the best track in doing its share requires the School Committee to decide certain matters of general policy. The School Committee and the staff, each in its respective field, is operating on the basis of the following policies:

1. We must provide that *plant*, that *program* and especially that *personnel* which is most effective. In many ways the personality, attitude and example of the teacher are more effective and lasting than the mere subject matter taught. We must maintain a high quality of personnel even though at a high cost of doing so in these times.

2. For the size of our school the *administrative staff* must include



not only a superintendent, but also two principals one for each of the Elementary and High Schools. These three positions are necessary in order (1) to obtain full performance and value from each member of the staff, (2) to develop the growth of each member of the staff to the fullest through continual and cooperative supervision and guidance and through in-service training in group studies of curricula methods and techniques, (3) to keep the school fully informed of developments in educational theories and practices.

3. The school staff should continually *re-examine and evaluate the program*, practices and techniques. That which is ineffective or of lesser usefulness in the pupil's later life should be eliminated.

4. The *democratic process* of group study should be used by the school staff. The teachers must practice what they try to teach the children.

5. The *methods employed* by the school should be those which enable the children to learn in the shortest space of time the most, the best and that which is most lasting. This indicates the expansion of an activity program in the classroom. Learning by doing and learning by use of experiences based on the experiences of every day life are more effective.

6. The *school-directed experiences* should be integrated and correlated so that each teacher's program and methods fit into those of the whole school. These experiences also should be cumulative so that each step in the child's learning will lead to the next.

7. We should make *each school activity*, such as athletics, music, art, handicraft, etc., available to all pupils, and not limited to a select few.

8. Each pupil should be dealt with individually in relation to his own strengths and weaknesses. The school must try to discover and guide the growth of each pupil's unique potentialities.

9. The number of *pupils per teacher* in classroom should be small. In grades 1, 2 and 3 not over 25 pupils. In the other grades not over 30.

10. The *High School program* should be sufficiently diversified to provide suitable educational opportunities for each group; those going to college, those going to other post graduate schools and those making our school their terminal education, each of which group is about equal in size.

Such a program is ambitious and entails a high cost but has been proven to be sound in many public schools throughout the nation. A lesser program would disregard the necessity and wisdom of good education not only for the welfare of the individual pupil, but also for the welfare of our society as a whole.

## DEVELOPMENTS IN 1948

The school staff has been operating for a few years along the general lines of the objectives and policies outlined above. We recognize that no program, organization, or person is perfect. Improvement will develop through experience. The emergencies of 1948 caused various interruptions, especially in the staff's group studies. Nevertheless, much has been accomplished. To state here in detail each development of the past year would make this report too lengthy. Those people who are interested in those details are invited to examine the reports of the Administrative Staff at the office of the Superintendent.

There are no standards by which we can measure definitely the quality of performance on the basis of the results produced in the pupils. For what it may be worth, however, this year M.I.T., in revising its accredited high school list, omitted many high schools but still retained our high school. Also, of the forty members of the junior class (grade XI) there were twelve students whose thirteen poems were accepted for Publication in the National High School Poetry Association's Anthology "Young America Sings." These poems competed with the thousands of poems submitted by High Schools throughout New England. Also, the results of the Iowa Tests, which are given to the pupils in many schools throughout the nation, indicate that your high school pupils not only stand high in relation to the rest of the nation but also that their standing has improved over the last four years during which we used these tests.

For September, 1948 we adopted various changes in the program. In the Elementary Schools, the kindergarten was extended temporarily to four classes, three being held in the morning and one in the afternoon. This was necessitated by the large enrollment and the small size of the rooms in the Case House. Next year we hope to have normal size classrooms and three morning sessions.

Also in the elementary grades, we have added a course in Science as a definite part of the program. In grades IV, V, and VI a Student Council has been organized.

For the High School the program detail is set forth in the "Curriculum Guide," a new handbook distributed to each pupil. This also contains information on scholarships, school awards, school regulations, guidance, etc. The courses dropped this year included General Languages (Grade VIII) and Spanish — except that Spanish II is given this one year to permit pupils to complete their two-year course. Practical Physics has been dropped as a separate course and incorporated in the existing course of Industrial Arts IV. Practical Arithmetic (Grade XI) was also dropped and replaced by a short refresher course in Arithmetic for seniors who, through standardized tests, are found to need it. A new course, "Human Relations" for Grade VIII, for two periods a week covers:

I. Orientation to School and Life

II. How to Study

III. Choosing a Career

IV. Learning to Live with Others

V. Successful Living in Work, Play and Culture. Science in Grade VII has been extended from three to four periods a weeks.

Shop instruction has been revised and expanded, particularly in the areas of Automotives, Electricity, and Ceramics. The last was made possible by the loan of equipment by the Women's Community League.

High school music is now given by a new, special teacher three days a week, thereby freeing the three regular classroom teachers who taught music last year. In anticipation of having the music program of all grades under the direction of one person employed on a full time basis, the school is working out a new total program.

Guidance in the high school has been reorganized. Under the Director, four classroom teachers are assigned as counsellors, each devoting one period a day to pupil conferences and having charge of about 70 pupils. With this organization, each pupil should have at least two conferences each year, with special attention if necessary. In addition, this arrangement permits broader participation by the teaching staff in the guidance program and its studies.

The school program, and especially the high school program, is under constant study with a view not only of improving quality but also of eliminating the ineffective and less useful subjects and courses. We would like to reduce the number of the teaching staff wherever reasonable. The emergencies of 1948 interfered with these studies. Briefly, however, the likelihood of reducing the High School staff and at the same time maintaining quality appears remote. A reduction in staff will necessarily mean a reduction in the scope of program and prevent provision for effective education according to the individual pupil's needs. The present program is required, in part at least, by the fact that the high school students are composed of three groups about equal in size—college candidates, post graduate school candidates, and those making high school their terminal school. This situation is somewhat unusual. A reduction in program would impair the service rendered to one group or another.

#### **Growth in Number of Pupils**

The enrollment in the Elementary School in September 1948 was 463 as compared to 407 the previous year. Each grade but one showed

The enrollment in the High School fell off from 291 to 276. This an increase and the biggest was an increase of 34 in the Kindergarten. decrease was largest in the upper three grades. While 30 pupils left to attend private schools, we had 25 new arrivals.

## ATTENDANCE STATISTICS, SCHOOL YEAR 1947-1948

Grade or Room	*Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance
XII	36	34.91	33.40	95.61
XI	48	47.13	45.17	95.94
X	59	55.11	53.09	96.34
IX	56	53.18	50.49	94.94
VIII	43	41.71	39.91	95.68
VII	55	54.46	52.32	96.06
VI	48	43.85	41.22	94.00
V	71	68.72	64.01	93.15
IV	59	53.11	49.10	92.45
III	62	55.61	51.63	92.84
II	73	69.28	63.74	92.03
I	81	71.62	64.55	90.13
Kindergarten	51	44.65	37.86	84.79
TOTAL	742	693.34	646.49	93.24

\* Number of different pupils enrolled during the year.

## SCHOOL CENSUS, OCTOBER 1, 1948

	Ages 3-5		Ages 5-7		Ages 7-14		Ages 14-16		Age 16 and over		Totals
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Public School	4	6	64	78	236	182	43	47	37	32	729
Private Schools	27	30	11	7	37	31	27	16	26	24	236
Institutions	1		1			1				1	4
Not in School	44	40		1							85
Total	76	76	76	86	273	214	70	63	63	57	1054
Census Totals											
for 1947	74	79	86	68	260	208	71	70	62	51	1030
for 1946	62	61	89	58	260	200	59	74	36	24	923
for 1945	66	57	73	63	244	202	56	69	26	23	879

The large number of births in Weston and the increased number of families moving to Weston indicate an increase in the school enrollment each year in the next few years at least. The increase will be greatest in the Elementary School, where soon each grade will need three and some even four classrooms. Based on the October, 1948, School Census and past experience of resulting increases in school enrollment, we anticipate that the minimum enrollment and necessary elementary classrooms will be:

Year	Enrollment	Number of Classrooms
1949	490	19
1950	511	21
1951	548	22
1952	593	24

Additional classes in the High School will probably become necessary no later than 1952.

### Teaching Staff

In September, 1948, the teaching staff was increased by a shop assistant and a second music teacher and decreased by the discontinuance of Spanish.

During 1948 the following teachers left our staff:

Miss Winifred Mager (Commercial Studies)  
 Mrs. Ruth W. Murray (English)  
 Miss Louise J. Russo (English, Social Studies)  
 Mrs. Lois W. Smith (Library)  
 Miss Ruth E. Smith (Physical Education)  
 Mrs. Helen Stockman (Spanish)  
 Mrs. Barbara B. Eicholz (Grade I)  
 Mrs. Jeanne D. Grunig (Grade V)  
 Mrs. Natalie S. Haas (Grade III)  
 Mrs. Ruth E. Olson (Grade IV)  
 Miss Marie R. Russo (Grade I)

The new teachers added to the staff during 1948 are included in the complete list for September, 1948:

### High School

<i>Names</i>	<i>Position or Subjects Taught</i>	<i>First Year Appointed to Staff</i>
Thomas E. Rush	Superintendent	1947
Julius H. Mueller, Jr.	Principal	1945
Wallace W. Sawyer	Science, Submaster	1931
Theresa M. Benotti	French, Latin	1946
Robert J. Carini	Biology, Math., Asst. Coach	1946
Elizabeth P. Cobb	Home Economics	1932
Charles K. Cummings, Jr.	Social Studies, Guidance Director	1942
Henry W. DeRusha	English	1948
Edward M. Ferry	Social Studies	1947
Helen B. Green	Mathematics	1916
Vera F. Gurland	Physical Education, Girls' Coach	1948



Harry Kechejian	Industrial Arts, Mechanical Drawing	1948
Vilette O. Lawrence	Library	1948
Paul A. Ladabouche	Music (3 days a week)	1948
Mildred L. Marble	Geography, Science	1930
Charles F. Medford	Mathematics	1947
Jane E. Peters	Commercial Studies	1948
Edith L. Pierce	English	1948
John S. Proctor	Director Physical Education, coach	1934
Rachel L. Spear	Latin, Spanish	1937
Aimo H. Teittinen	Industrial Arts, Mechanical Drawing	1939
John W. Zorn	English, Speech Arts, Dramatics	1940

#### Elementary School

Thomas H. McFarlin	Principal	1945
Richard T. Grimley	Grade VI	1948
Lena C. McGann	Grade VI	1936
Marjorie O. Burrill	Grade V	1945
Florence Rowley	Grade V	1938
Marjorie W. Linvill	Grade IV	1945
Barbara Mitchell	Grade IV	1948
Alice S. Baylies	Grade III	1943
Katherine O'Hearn	Grade III	1948
Helen U. Kennedy	Grade III	1948
Teresa O. Fitzgerald	Grade II	1947
Mary V. Phelan	Grade II	1947
Jeanne J. Webster	Grade II	1947
Catherine L. Devereaux	Grade I	1948
Lucy D. Tinker	Grade I	1929
Alma E. Andrews	Kindergarten	1942
Alice S. Jansen	Kindergarten	1946
Vida C. Strahan	Kindergarten	1931
Ruth R. Spencer	Remedial	1946

#### Supervisors

William H. Taunton	Music (3 days a week)	1930
Ervel O. Ward	Art (3 days a week)	1946

For the School year commencing September, 1949, the Committee anticipates the need for some additions. We need at least one and probably two additional classroom teachers in the Elementary School to take care of expected increases in enrollment. The Elementary School needs a supervising teacher of health and physical education. The music and art programs each need to have the supervision of a full time instead of a part time teacher to cover both schools adequately.

### Salary Policies

The shortage of teachers is becoming more, rather than less acute. School enrollment in the state and nation especially in the lower grades is increasing rapidly. As a result, many towns are facing the necessity of revising upwards their salary schedules and improving working conditions.

In establishing salary revisions and policies in the past two years and in studying the necessity of revisions in the future, we have based and are basing our decisions largely upon these factors:

1. Trying to keep our salaries and salary policies in line with what might be called the "teacher market" in comparable and competing towns and cities.
2. Adopting a salary schedule which will permit each teacher to see opportunity for growth to a maximum salary which will enable him to live respectably and efficiently.
3. Adopting a salary schedule which has annual increments commensurate with such growth through experience as would be normally expected of a teacher meeting our high standards.
4. Providing additional increments for those teachers showing outstanding performance in the classroom, in group studies by the staff and in their relations with the community.
5. Maintaining a single salary schedule without differentiation between the Elementary School and the High School.
6. Allowing a differentiation for men teachers as compared to women teachers in an amount not exceeding \$600. As the "equal pay" law adopted by other towns may effect the teacher market and decrease such a differentiation, ours will probably be reduced.
7. Making no specific allowance on a so-called "cost of living" basis.

Other factors effecting salary policy such as conditions of employment, work load, housing, sick leave, etc. are still under study.

The salary schedule revisions adopted in the past two years have apparently maintained our teachers salaries in line with the so-called "teachers market." We have made provisions in the budget for further revision during 1949, "if, when and as" that necessity may develop. The increasing cost of salaries of those teachers procured as replacements and the changes now under study in other towns indicate that a revision upwards is called for.

### Other Staff Members

Dr. R. M. Fisher resigned as School Physician. Due to the fire in April the positions of lunch room assistants were discontinued; the custodian positions were altered from time to time and night watchmen were on hand during different periods. A secretary for the Elementary School is a new part time position.

The other staff members now are:

Dr. W. T. Van Huysen, School Physician  
 Dr. David H. Reid, School Physician  
 Miss Catherine Richards, School Nurse  
 Erlon A. Merrill, Custodian  
 Charles D. Fletcher, Assistant Custodian  
 Roy F. Wales, Assistant Custodian  
 Thomas C. Clarke, Assistant Custodian  
 John E. Cain, Assistant Custodian (Part time)  
 J. Wesley Jones, Assistant Custodian (Part time)  
 Mrs. Marian B. Gibson, Milk Program Manager  
 Mrs. Elaine C. Sinclair, Secretary  
 Miss Nancy Van Heest, Secretary  
 Mrs. Jeanne W. Funderburk, Secretary (Part time)

After studying the problem, we plan to have no night watchman in the school buildings during 1949 after the sprinkler signal is tied into the Fire Station. As far as we can ascertain, no Town or City maintains night watchmen in their school buildings.

## BUILDINGS

Many changes occurred during 1948 in connection with the school buildings and plans for additional school buildings.

Until the annual Town Meeting on March 15, 1948, the Special Building Committee, the School Committee and the Finance Committee studied the problems in connection with the proposed new Elementary School building to be constructed on the former Case Land. At the annual Town Meeting this matter was passed over for a special Town Meeting later on in the year pending further study and firm contract bids.

On April 4 the school assembly hall was damaged by fire and on April 7 the main section of the High School building was destroyed by fire.

Within a day after the fire the schools, colleges, churches, other organizations in town, and still others out of town generously offered their space, facilities or equipment to the High School. In order to operate the High School under one roof, the school used the Waltham High School building in the afternoons commencing April 13 and for the rest of the school year. The added transportation cost was \$2,718 and the use of the Waltham School \$3,000. While this arrangement was a great hardship to the staff and to the pupils, all adjusted themselves to the emergency.

Immediately after the fire the Selectmen arranged with the insurance company for an appraisal of the fire loss, the town to be represented by Stone & Webster, Inc. The Selectmen also arranged for

a Special Emergency Committee to be composed of one of the Selectmen and the heads of the Planning Board, Finance Committee, the Special Building Committee, the School Committee and a member of the executive Committee of the Weston Association of Parents and Teachers. This Committee studied the problem of school buildings including the possibility of a union high school with one or more of the towns of Lincoln, Sudbury and Wayland. Various architects and contractors giving their services gratuitously, aided the study of the advisability and cost of various alternatives.

During the period of the work of the Emergency Committee the Selectmen settled the fire insurance loss on the building at \$171,226 and procured special legislative permission to restore the burnt portions of the buildings on a cost plus fixed fee basis, rather than by submission to contractor's bids. This statutory change was necessary in order to accelerate the restoration in the hope that the High School could use the buildings at the reopening of school in September.

Finally, the Emergency Committee recommended and a Special Town Meeting held on May 10 voted in substance: (1) The special Building Committee should abandon their plans for a new Elementary School and proceed to lay out revised plans adapted for a new High School on the former Case property; (2) a special Restoration Committee consisting of J. Robert Ayers, Everett M. Studley and Edward B. Hubbard should redesign and rebuild the burnt portions of the school buildings for Elementary School purposes to be used, however, by the High School during the school year of 1948-1949, (3) the restoration should be done on a cost plus fixed fee basis in accordance with the special statutory permission; (4) to appropriate for the use of the latter Committee \$171,226, the entire insurance proceeds for the building loss.

On May 11 Richard White Sons Inc., Contractors working under Harold B. Willis and Donaldson R. McMullin, as architects, started restoration of the burnt portion of the High School on a cost plus fixed fee basis. This work continued all Summer and Fall.

The redesigning of the former High School involved not only a rearrangement and enlargement of the classrooms of the main section, but also one major change involved leaving off the third floor lunch room. The redesigned building has a flat roof with monitors over the second floor. The ventilating shafts are lowered and the windows on the street side are fitted with steel frames and glass blocks causing a good diffusion of light to the far side of those classrooms. At the demand of the fire insurance company the building was sprinklered throughout.

The Restoration Committee also started the repairs on the assembly hall. The roof was lowered, thereby eliminating the transom windows and improving the heating, lighting and accoustics. The ceiling was soundproofed and the walls painted. The stage itself was redesigned



for more room and better acoustics, but, because of shortage of funds, remains unfinished.

Also, commencing in May, the Special Building Committee with Harold B. Willis, Architect, revised their plans and designed a new twenty-room High School and Gymnasium for construction on the former Case property. This was let to bids, and at a special Town Meeting on September 20, 1948 the Town appropriated and authorized the borrowing of additional funds to build a High School and Gymnasium at a cost of \$925,000. The contractor was Farina Bros., Inc., who started excavation within two weeks. That work is now progressing satisfactorily.

The special Town Meeting on September 20 also appropriated to the use of the Restoration Committee \$31,177, which constituted the fire insurance proceeds covering the loss of the contents of the High School and the loss resulting from the assembly hall fire.

Commencing with the reopening of school in September, temporary rooms were provided so that the High School held its sessions in the repaired and redecorated four wing rooms and three ground floor rear rooms of the high school building, four temporary rooms in the gymnasium, two temporary rooms in the assembly hall and two temporary rooms in the ground floor of the primary building. With this adjustment, two classes of the Elementary School occupied temporary rooms in the Girl Scout House. This arrangement was much more satisfactory than going to Waltham, and again the staff and pupils met the exigencies of the situation.

On December 4 the reconstruction of the main section of the former High School building was completed and that Saturday afternoon an open house was held. Over six hundred of the Townspeople came to inspect and admire the results of the work of the Reconstruction Committee.

On December 6 the High School moved into the rebuilt rooms designed for Elementary School purposes. This freed the gymnasium and the assembly hall for normal uses and all classes enjoyed regular operations.

At the present time, the School Committee is studying various problems in connection with what is now the Elementary School plant. This study includes the location of the lunch room for September 1949, the completion of the four wing rooms for Elementary School purposes, the refitting of the toilets for smaller size children and the location of other classrooms which in addition to those in the restored building will be required for September 1949. This study also involves the laying out of a long range building program for the completion of this plant as a central Elementary School. The results of these studies will be reported to the Town separately before the annual Town Meeting.

The School Committee and the school staff are extremely grateful



to each town organization and to every individual who gave such timely and helpful assistance in the various emergencies.

### **Lunch Room**

The fire destroyed the lunch room facilities in April, 1948. For the balance of the year only a milk program was provided for the students. This milk program will be continued through June, 1949. We expect to open the lunch rooms in September, 1949, in both the new High School and the Elementary School.

### **Transportation**

The transportation system and schedules have been revised this year. An old bus was replaced by Miss McAuliffe by a new bus in April. In September the large increase of the Elementary School enrollment over-taxed the capacity of the buses, necessitating some revision. After study, the School Committee arranged for Mr. Raynor to procure a new additional bus. School bus contracts have been let to Miss McAuliffe, Mr. Raynor and Mr. Cronin. The two new buses procured in 1948 are under three year contracts, the other four buses are under one year contracts ending June, 1949. Contracts provide for payment on a mileage basis. With increased rates for increased mileage the cost to the Town is substantially larger than previous years, but this will be largely offset by State aid. With the new bus schedules two trips for each bus returning home in the afternoon is scheduled, so that the Elementary School closes at 2:00 and the High School at 2:30. This arrangement for the afternoon allows a longer school day for the High School which was sorely needed and remedies the situation where half the students had to wait around school for the second bus.

### **Class of 1948**

The Annual Graduation Exercises of Weston High School were held in the Town House on Friday Evening, June 18, 1948. Graduates numbered 33.

In addition, one veteran, who had during the year through part-time study and in-service training, completed the graduation requirements, was awarded his diploma. The graduation program was developed around the general theme "Democracy" in an effort to give local emphasis to the U. S. Office of Education's nation-wide "Zeal for American Democracy" program.

Diplomas were awarded to the following:

Alexis Andre Bakeeff  
Louise Harrington Beardsley  
Joy Blaney  
J. William Brock  
Joan Marie Burke

Audreyjane Byrne  
Hugh Williams Chandler  
Thomas Edward Coburn, II  
Kathryn Jane Colpitts  
Virginia Colpitts

Kenneth Alan Desmond	William Hart Nichols
James Joseph Dolan	Mary Jane Norton
*Paul Romley Foote	Jan Palmer
Jean Doris Frye	Patricia Palmer
William Goodman, III	Allan Breed Pooler
Jeanne May Hallett	Hawley Slayton
Dana Mann Herbst	Charles Winthrop Spencer
Laura Constance Howie	Kimball Shepard Stevens
Frank Leo Jacques, Jr.	William Dean Storey
Barbara Jean McRae	H. William Van Heest
Josephine Ann Melone	Warren E. Vittum, Jr.
Allen Samuel Moore	Maurice Willard Williams, Jr.
* Veteran	

A survey of the post-graduation activities of the Class of 1948 made shortly after the opening of school in September shows that approximately three-fifths of the class are continuing their education. The number attending various types of schools, and those engaged in other ways, is shown below:

Attending College	9	Other Specialized Schools	2
Attending Teachers College	3	Military Service	2
Attending Junior College	1	Working	11
Attending Preparatory School	3	At Home	1
Attending Secretarial School	1		

The Class gift to the school was a sum of money to be applied toward the purchase of an electric scoreboard and timer for the gymnasium of the new high school. This amount together with money left by the Class of 1947, now gives us the sum needed to purchase such a scoreboard. In fact, one has already been ordered for installation in the new gym.

#### Scholarships and Prizes

During the past year the income from the Horace S. Sears Scholarship Fund was such that it was possible to award scholarships to four boys—two from the graduating class and two from the Class of 1947. Those awarded scholarships from the graduating class were James Dolan, to attend Northeastern University, and William Goodman, to attend Harvard College.

Those from the Class of 1947 receiving additional aid from this fund included Robert Joseph Johnson, who is continuing his studies at Boston University, College of Business Administration, and Weston Blake, Jr., who is in his Sophomore Year at Dartmouth College.

The Women's Community League Scholarships were awarded to two girls in the Class of 1948, Audreyjane Byrne now attending Vassar College, and Jane Colpitts now attaining Worcester State Teacher's

College. A third scholarship was awarded to Harriet Howell of the Class of 1947 who is now in her Freshman year at Bates College.

Again this year there were no applicants for the Charles J. Paine Scholarship, which is an annual award made to the best qualified candidate for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology or Harvard College.

The Washington and Franklin Certificate for excellence in the study of United States History, awarded annually by the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, was won by William Nichols, '48.

The Good Citizenship Certificate and Pin, awarded annually by the Daughters of the American Revolution, was presented to Joy Blaney, '48.

The \$5 prize awarded annually by the Weston Post of The American Legion for the best Essay on the Constitution of the United States was awarded to Joy Blaney, '48.

The winners of the Sears Essay contest, held annually under the terms of the will of Horace S. Sears, were:

First Prize	Joy Blaney, '48
Second Prize	Thomas Coburn, '48
Third Prizes	Audreyjane Byrne, '48
	William Hart Nichols, '48
	Frank L. Jacques, Jr., '48

Participation in the Sears Essay Contest is limited to Seniors. The topic of the 1948 Essay was, "Will U.M.T. Contribute to World Peace?"

The Harvard Book Prize given annually by the Harvard Club of Boston to the boy in the Junior Class who, in the estimation of his classmates and members of the faculty, is deemed worthy of the award by virtue of outstanding scholarship and character, was won by Sands Slayter, '49.

#### **Use of School Property by Public**

Several organizations have used the gymnasium, assembly hall, library, classrooms and the Case house from time to time. The principal users have been the Badminton Club, the Boy Scouts, Recreation Commission, Community League, and Parent Teacher Association.

Lacking individual room heating controls, it is necessary to make what seems a high charge for heat during the winter months. The School Committee favors as much use as possible by the Town organizations of school property during evenings and week-ends in order to make best and most complete use of the buildings.

#### **Tuition Pupils**

Tuition pupils in the High School now number thirty. A decrease of four as compared to last year. This results largely from refusing

admission to tuition pupils in the seventh grade because of the temporary classroom emergency. The Towns represented and the number of pupils attending from each are:

Lincoln	21
Sudbury	2
Wayland	3
Waltham	4

There are no tuition pupils in the Elementary School because of the large enrollment. The tuition rate was increased in September from \$200 to \$225 and will be increase further to \$250 beginning in September, 1949. The presence of tuition pupils in no way tends to increase the cost of administration, transportation, salaries or program. Any increased cost comes through the small additional use of the supplies.

#### Comments on Proposed Budget

The actual appropriations for the school operating budgets for 1947 and 1948 (exclusive of fire items) and those proposed for 1949 are:

School Items	Actual 1947	Actual 1948	Proposed 1949	Increase over 1948
Salaries	\$128,500.	\$149,100.	\$175,447.	\$26,347.
Transportation	12,000.	12,000.	18,500.	6,500.
Other Expenses	28,500.	36,452.	37,565.	1,113.
Miscellaneous	1,072	1,535.	1,590	55.

#### Non-School items

Recreation—Athletic				
Field Maintenance and				
Equipment	500.	1,100.	700.	—,400

#### Health and Sanitation

Inspection of School				
Children; School				
Nurse	2,700.	2,725.	2,792.	67.
Total	173,272.	202,912.	236,594.	33,682.

Items not affecting  
tax rate

Lunch rooms	26,500.	22,000.	16,500.
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The increase in "*salaries*" is due to

1. Addition of two new teachers September, 1948  
(One in shop and one in music)
2. Salary revisions during 1948.
3. Replacements of 10 teachers during 1948.
4. Provision for three additional teachers September, 1949  
(Elementary School—2 Classroom—1 Physical Education)
5. Provision for additional janitors for new High School  
in September, 1949
6. Provision to expand to full time the service of Music and Art  
Supervisors in September, 1949
7. Provision for salary revisions during 1949.

The increase in "*Transportation*" is due to a revision of bus rates and bus schedule together with two new buses (one a replacement, the other an addition) as explained previously under *Transportation*.

The item "*other expenses*" has only a small increase even though provision (which we believe is adequate) is made for the operation (fuel, light, water, janitor's supplies and telephone) of new High School Building in September, 1949. The actual amount necessary for this operation is speculative depending on actual experience and on the amount of space in the old primary and grammar buildings which can be abandoned at least temporarily and closed off in September, 1949. The amount of this item is reduced this year because we anticipate a minimum amount of repairs and improvements for the restored building and the new High School. Whatever improvements are necessary and have not been provided by the Reconstruction Committee and the Special Building Committee are now under study and will be submitted to the Town under a special article.

The "lunch room" expense changed greatly during 1948 because of the fire. With the loss of the lunch room and adoption of the milk program for the rest of the year, the budget was reduced from \$22,000 to \$13,500. With the reopening of the lunch rooms in the High School and Elementary School in September, 1949, full lunches will be served increasing the appropriation necessary to \$16,500. This item should not effect the tax rate since the receipts should be larger than the expenditures.

The above figures for 1948 are those for the regular operating budget appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting. The school fires necessitated extraordinary appropriations at special town meetings in May and September.

For the purpose of record the net changes in the budget were:  
"Salaries" were reduced by \$1,775.



"Other expenses" were increased by \$10,200. The approximate amount spent by the School Committee on account of the fires for salvage, repairs, replacements, additional fuel, watchmen and expense of holding school in Waltham was \$18,777.06. The excess of the expenses over the appropriation was met by savings in the original school budget of amounts planned for repairs and improvements to the High School, which were no longer required.

### Receipts and Credits—School Dept.

This year the actual receipts and credits received by the Town on account of property under the charge of the School Department during the calendar year 1948 as compared to those receipts for 1947 were:

	1947	1948
1. Under the provisions of Part I Chap. 70 of the General Laws, State Reimbursement on Account of Employment of Teachers	7,626.80	7,893.10
2. State reimbursement on account of transportation Section 7A Chapter 70 of the General Laws.	6,549.99	9,266.82
3. Tuition	7,040.82	6,677.99
4. Lunch room Cash Sales—	17,624.77	8,670.04
State Reimbursements	4,421.27	*1,976.20 **129.74
5. State Reimbursement for tuition paid Vocational Schools	409.54	376.09
6. Miscellaneous Gym rental, telephone, lost and damaged books, etc.	504.48	260.03
Total	\$44,177.67	\$35,250.01

\* State reimbursement for Jan.-Nov.

\*\* State reimbursement to be received for December, 1948

## REPORT OF SPECIAL SCHOOL RESTORATION COMMITTEE

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Following the special town meeting of May 10, 1948, which voted for the restoration of the burned high school as an elementary school, the Restoration Committee immediately signed a contract with Richard White Sons, Inc. of West Newton as contractors, and Collens, Willis & Beckonert of Boston associated with Donaldson Ray McMullin of Weston as architect. The contractors were employed on a basis of cost plus a fixed fee, by authority of a special act of the General Court. Inasmuch as both the architects and the contractor had already served as advisors to the Emergency Committee, and the Restoration Committee was composed of members of the Emergency Committee, the work was actually started the next morning with a rough idea of what was to be done.

The program of the restoration had been worked out in broad outlines, but required constant restudy and revision to meet the changing situation as the work of razing and restoration proceeded. The basic departures from duplication of the original facilities were as follows:

1. Elimination of the third floor, which had housed the cafeteria.
2. Installation of a complete sprinkler system, and use of fire resistant materials and methods of construction throughout to the greatest extent feasible.
3. Remodeling of the assembly hall, tying its roof structurally with that of the medical unit, eliminating the windows in the monitor top, insulating the ceiling, and enlarging the stage.
4. Replacing all windows on the west side of the central classroom block with glass block and steel sash in order to improve the quantity and quality of light approximately to present day standards for new school buildings.
5. Bringing the size of all classrooms on the first and second floors to accepted size for elementary schools, and installing built-in counters and shelves similar to those originally proposed for the new elementary school, including a work counter and a sink in each classroom.
6. Relocation of the second floor corridor to increase the width of the east classrooms, which gained an extra classroom. This required the addition of three monitors, which give adequate natural light to the deeper rooms as well as to the corridor.
7. Substitution of wardrobes or coat rooms for corridor lockers for all rooms on the first and second floors.

Architectural considerations led to the removal of pitched roofs over the two stair halls, lowering of the two "chimneys", and the addition of parapet walls. The exterior of the building still has a colonial flavor but its simplified lines somewhat suggest contemporary design. The building now has thirteen classrooms on the first and second floors which are very well suited to elementary school use. The three ground floor classrooms facing the playing fields were simply redecorated, and the existing corridor lockers were undisturbed, since the committee felt that further study of the most effective use of this whole floor was needed.

Because of the lack of space during the current school year, no cafeteria was provided. Several locations for a future cafeteria have been under study, but the committee recommends that this problem be considered separately by the townspeople after all the various factors have been weighed fully. The factors to be considered are the future use of the two older school buildings, the future needs of the school program, and the ultimate cost of operation of the school system. Every attempt should be made to reach an early decision so that a cafeteria will be ready at the opening of school in September 1949.

All the basic improvements in school plant detailed herein were not accomplished without an expenditure of funds in excess of the proceeds of insurance. The committee found it necessary to ask for an additional \$27,400 at a town meeting in January 1949 to complete its assignment, and to this must be added the cost of the cafeteria, when that appropriation is made. A detailed analysis of cost estimates submitted to that meeting appears below:

General contractor	\$84,931.45
Plumbing and heating	19,771.08
Electrical work	19,560.01
Sprinklers	9,960.23
Roofing	10,046.59
Plastering	13,879.77
Painting	14,863.87
Steel, iron, and steel sash	6,588.19
Doors and wood finish	10,791.29
Glazing	2,167.58
Floors and linoleum	3,932.50
Hardware	1,121.93
Blackboards and tackboards	2,174.00
Metal tile	1,489.44
Miscellaneous materials	1,519.15
Assembly hall remodeling and restoration	8,575.00
Provision of temporary classrooms	2,042.93
Architects and engineers	13,976.60
Miscellaneous expenses	3,010.00
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Total estimated final cost	\$230,401.61

The total proceeds of insurance for the building and contents was \$203,003, including \$3,000 received on account of assembly hall fire damage. This entire amount had previously been appropriated to the Restoration Committee.

Because of departure from the normal competitive bidding procedure to enable the committee to complete the restoration with the greatest possible haste, complete and detailed cost records were furnished by the contractor, who undertook the work on the basis of actual cost plus a fixed fee of \$11,250. These cost records are on file at the Town Hall for the inspection of any voter who wishes. All contractors and others having a part in this work evidenced a spirit of interest and cooperation which enabled the committee to make the school ready for full occupancy in the short space of seven months from the starting date.

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The board organized for 1948 by choosing Mr. Palmer chairman and Miss Fiske secretary.

An extensive program of repairs and improvements has become necessary to put the library building in good shape. We are trying to carry out a portion of this program each year. In 1948 further renovation of toilet facilities, repairs in the children's room, and improvements in lighting were accomplished.

Much needed equipment acquired in 1948 included a typewriter, magazine rack, vertical file, and desks.

During the year Mrs. Cora S. Currie left her position as a part time assistant to become Librarian of the Wayland Public Library. We are grateful to Mrs. Currie for her lengthy period of loyal and valuable service and heartily wish her success in her new position. We created the position of full time Assistant Librarian and appointed to that position Miss Solglad Burtch, formerly Librarian of libraries in New York State and Massachusetts and recently connected with the Massachusetts Division of Public Libraries.

Substantial increases in the annual appropriations for the library have been inevitable in recent years because of many factors, such as a larger staff, higher salaries, acquisition of new equipment, repairs and improvements of the building, higher cost of fuel, binding and other running expenses, and especially the fact that the income of the library's trust funds, which for many years had been sufficient to finance all

purchases of books and magazines, has become inadequate for that purpose and must now be supplemented by town appropriations. We have endeavored, with the cooperation of the selectmen and finance committee, to frame our annual requests to the Town for appropriations for the library with due regard not only to maintaining and improving the library's usefulness to the community but also to the serious financial problems of the Town as a whole.

We again extend our thanks to the staff for their fine work during the year.

We invite the attention of the townspeople to the appended report of Miss Judith E. Stromdahl, Librarian, for a detailed account of the varied and extensive activities of the library in serving the community during 1948, and for an interesting comparison of the library as it is today with what it was at the time of its establishment in 1857 and at the time of occupying the present building fifty years ago.

### **Librarian's Report**

In one of the statistical bulletins issued by the U. S. Office of Education, Rall I. Grigsby, Director, Division of Auxiliary Services, writes, "The educational opportunities afforded by the public schools and public libraries of the United States represent a distinctive contribution to the democratic way of life. While the public school has enabled a majority of people to develop basic skills for learning, there remains with the individual the task of further self-development imposed by occupation, citizenship, and leisure. For many years, the American public library has provided an opportunity for the voluntary pursuit of culture through books and reading. Wherever the public library has been adequately supported, it has contributed materially to the intellectual development of the community."

The Town of Weston has been one community which has been concerned with this important aspect of American education, for, "in the winter of 1856-57, the citizens of Weston . . . assembled in their town hall to consider by what means the general intelligence of the town could best be promoted. This meeting decided, by vote, that the object under consideration could be most economically and effectually secured by a free public library." As a result of this vote, "the town, in a legal town-meeting held November 3, 1857, established a library for the use of all the inhabitants of a specified age, and chose a committee, who were authorized to receive donations; and all property given for the commencement of a library was delivered to them." (From the introduction, Catalogue of the Weston Town Library 1871.) According to this vote, the library was to be open every other Saturday from 3-5 and every Saturday from 7-9 for the delivery and return of books, also on every town meeting day, at the same hours. No person except the librarian was to be allowed to take books from the shelves, and "any inhabitant of the town, of the age of 16 years, may have access to the library, and may take there-from one volume at a time."



The townsfolk evidently made good use of the library for the library facilities soon became inadequate; a new library building was deemed necessary. In the trustees' report for the year ending February 28, 1901, the closing paragraph reads as follows: "To the trustees it hardly seems natural to close this report without asking for a new library building, as has been their invariable custom for the last ten years. But the munificent action of the town has now forever removed this necessity. The new building (into which the library moved in the fall of 1899) is fulfilling all their expectations for the convenience, pleasure, and well-being of the residents of the town."

At this time the total number of volumes included in the library collection was 13,245; the population of the town according to the statistics of 1900 was 1,834 and the circulation figures for the year showed 11,384 volumes circulated during the year. Contrast these figures with those of today, fifty years later. The town has a population of 4,473 (1945 figure), the library a book collection of 38,437, and 42,210 books were circulated in 1948. In other words the library circulated 9 plus books per capita in 1948 as against 6 plus per capita in 1900. Incidentally, this is an exceedingly high rate, inasmuch as many libraries circulate only 3, 4 or 5 volumes per capita yearly.

That the people of Weston have supported and used their library is indicated by the fact that the library building, which once seemed so spacious, is no longer adequate for the activities which a modern, well equipped library should sponsor, and ere too many years have passed, an addition should be made to the present plant. A room for young people, with books devoted to their needs and interests is desirable, more stack space is imperative, and work space for the librarians' use in cataloging and preparing the books for circulation, for mending, and so forth, is necessary.

Today, as never before, is there a need for well equipped, up-to-date, live libraries. The use and control of atomic energy, disarmament, democracy, communism, United States-Russian relations, inflation and deflation, civil rights, housing, youth problems, intergroup relations, labor-management relations, these and other critical problems facing the American people today have placed heavy responsibilities upon the libraries. Together with other agencies, the library of every community must contribute to the solution of these problems. They must put major emphasis on spreading information and stimulating citizen action, of making sure that opinion leaders and other citizens have the widest range of reliable information on which to base their judgements and action.

That the library is the place to go for information and ideas, for recreation and relaxation is demonstrated by the use the townspeople made of their library in 1948. It has been most encouraging to the staff members to note the increased number of people who have come to the library for one reason or another during the past year. Included in this number are 179 new adult borrowers. During 1948, 42,210 books were

circulated, 27,800 volumes from the adult and 14,410 from the children's department. In maintaining its circulation in 1948, the Weston library has been exceptional; that of most other libraries has fallen off. 2,786 books were reserved by request and 181 titles, specifically requested and not included in the Weston library collection, were borrowed from neighboring libraries through the inter-library loan privilege. Some of these titles were located only after five or six, and sometimes more, libraries had been contacted. There are now about 2350 individual registered borrowers in the adult department, and about 900 in the children's department.

Reference work is an interesting part of library service. Information sought—information found, is the by-word. During 1948, almost 1,000 reference questions were answered, ranging from simple questions to subjects calling for considerable research. The origin of Mother's Day, the hibernation of turtles, Egyptian architecture, jet propulsion, national parks, a list of U. S. senators, the Olympic oath, the teachings and belief of the Society of Friends, the use of cider in colonial days, the winter and summer temperatures of specified western cities, the first woman to receive a patent in the United States, the effect of trusts on small town communities, the number of electric light meters to be found in Weston in comparative years, the salary of the vice-president, a picture of a stroboscope, the menu of the first Thanksgiving dinner—the list is almost endless and most interesting.

Another engrossing feature of library work, closely allied to reference work, is the location of books on various subjects for home use and study. Materials requested during 1948 included books on juvenile delinquency (over and over again was this subject requested), birds of New England, volcanoes, formation of clouds, meatless menus, strawberry culture, the rise of the public school systems, real estate deeds, making of boats, Roman stage and Roman costumes, development of the dial telephone, Chinese art, clipper ships, trans-Atlantic cable, mechanical dentistry, steeple clocks, deep freezers, algebraic formulae, epilepsy and infantile paralysis, Wood-carving, Augustana synod, Holland tunnel, racial problems, and so and so on. Every day brought its own questions.

The children have made good use of the library during the year. As noted earlier in this report, 14,410 books were circulated from the children's room. Unlike the early days of the library when no one under the age of 16 was allowed to borrow books, any child of any age may use the library. Even the three and four year olds have definite reading tastes and it is a most revealing and interesting study to watch these little ones select the books they would like to have mother or daddy read to them.

As in past years, the elementary schools as well as the nursery schools were kept supplied with monthly collections of books by the Children's Librarian in 1948, and during the winter months classes

continued to visit the library each week for story-telling, instruction in the use of reference books and the card catalog, and to become acquainted with the books available for recreational reading as well as with material to supplement school work.

After the disastrous fire which ruined the Weston High School in April, the library made a change in its hours and for the remainder of the school year opened from 9-12 every morning with the exception of Monday. This was done to enable the pupils attending the afternoon sessions at the Waltham High School to borrow books and to use the reference materials at the library.

Again in September the library cooperated with the school department by making space available at the library for a high school alcove which housed the new books purchased for the school library and gave the high school librarian a headquarters until space was assigned for this purpose in the rebuilt school in December. The arrangement was a most satisfactory one and resulted in a much closer and even more active cooperation between the library and the school than had formerly existed.

In November a most successful second annual open house was held at which Gladys Hasty Carroll, author of "As the Earth Turns" and a number of other Maine stories, was the guest speaker. The library was festive with flowers and exhibits of new books supplied through the courtesy of Mrs. Frances Pinkham of the local Village Book Stall. Mr. Grant M. Palmer, Jr., chairman of the board of library trustees, served as chairman of the program, which included, in addition to Mrs. Carroll, Mr. Benjamin Hume of the Macmillan Book Company and Miss Genevieve Boisclair, General Secretary of the Division of Public Libraries.

During the year Mrs. Cora S. Currie, who had been with the library for twelve years, resigned from her position to become Librarian of the Wayland library. Mrs. Currie and her gracious friendliness are missed by the Weston library's patrons but her host of friends wish her much success in her present job. The Librarian also wishes to express her own personal thanks to Mrs. Currie for her faithful and competent service and for her unflinching cooperation with the other members of the staff while she was with the library. The library trustees appointed Miss Solglad Burtch, of Lexington, to the newly created position of cataloger and Assistant Librarian. Miss Burtch is a graduate of Tufts College and received her degree in Library Science at Simmons College. She comes to Weston with a wealth of experience, having served as Librarian of a number of town libraries both in New York State and in Massachusetts. More recently she has been with the Division of Public Libraries cataloging and reorganizing libraries. Miss Burtch assumed her duties with the Weston library on November 1.

During the year the staff members attended a number of library meetings held in this vicinity, including the Charles River Group meeting held at the Wayland library celebrating the 100th anniversary of that

library, the second oldest in the country. In June, the Librarian attended the American Library Association conference in Atlantic City and found the many meetings most valuable and worthwhile.

Further library methods and techniques were introduced during 1948 with the aim of making books and materials more easily available to the public. During the summer months, 858 books were recataloged. In this process the small half-sized catalog cards were replaced with those of standard size. As staff and time permit, this recataloging will be continued; not only will hand-written, small cards be eliminated from the card catalog, but many additional subject headings will be included, making for greater usefulness and ease in using the book collection.

1,396 books were added to the library during the year, 349 juvenile and 1,047 adult. A number of these were much appreciated gifts from friends and users of the library. These books were all processed as usual, accessioned, classified, cataloged, shelf-listed, prepared with book pockets, numbered and barcoded before being placed in circulation. These procedures are those taken for granted by the public but which none-the-less take considerable time on the part of the staff.

Another time consuming routine task is the sending of notices reminding borrowers of overdue books. 2,152 such notices were mailed to adult borrowers.

Much interest was displayed in the various exhibits held during the year. Mr. Henry Davenport, Mrs. Charles P. Gorely, Jr., and the Children's Art Center were among the contributors. Their interest in and cooperation with the library are much appreciated.

This report can well be concluded with a quotation from Miss Elizabeth White, who, as librarian in 1901, wrote, "The library has never been so well equipped for its work, nor been prepared to serve the people of the town in so many ways as at the present time." The library in 1949 is eager for the townsfolk to make greater use of its facilities and to get full value for funds expended. The last fifty years have offered many opportunities for service; the future holds many new avenues and possibilities. It is hoped that the educational and recreational services of the library will be strengthened in the years to come, for, as has been intimated earlier in this report, the public library has, in this modern day, an increased responsibility in providing books and other materials which will contribute to an enlightened citizenry.



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR 1948

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As indicated by the table following this report showing comparative statistics reflecting the physical operation of the Department for the years 1947 and 1948, there has been a sharp increase during the past year in the number of customers served and in the volume of water delivered. The availability of funds appropriated to the Department's blanket extensions account made possible prompt service to applicants for minor water main extensions aggregating about one-half mile in North Avenue, Brook Road, Valley View Road, and Fox Chase Lane. The Department budget for 1949 proposes re-establishment of this account in the amount of \$25,000 by appropriation thereto of amounts sufficient for the purpose from guarantee deposits made by these applicants to reimburse the Town for portions of the costs of these extensions and from other sources.

Solution of bothersome technological problems involving electrical controls at the Nickerson Field pumping station has made it possible to put that station in operation on a permanent basis for regularly supplying the Department's customers with the substantially better quality of water available from that source.

### WESTON WATER DEPARTMENT

#### Comparative Statistics

	1947	1948
Gallons Pumped	90,276,200	109,159,300
Greatest Amount Pumped on one day	793,800 (8/16)	1,121,200 (8/25)
Greatest Amount pumped during one week	3,068,700 (8/13-19)	3,897,400 (8/22-28)
Miles of main end of year	31.65	32
No. services end of year	907	953
Services in use end of year	883	923
Meters in use end of year	883	923
New Services added	31	46
Monthly Average Consumed	7,523,016 gals.	9,096,608 gals.
Weekly Average Consumed	1,736,080 gals.	2,099,217 gals.
Daily Average Consumed	247,332 gals.	298,249 gals.



## REPORT OF THE TRUST FUND COMMISSIONERS

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The first part of this report is devoted to brief personal histories of the earliest donors of Weston Trust Funds—those who expressed their desire for educational and cultural benefits for their town in tangible and lasting form before 1875. It is intended that later annual reports will cover subsequent periods. We are indebted to the Historical Committee for much of the information herein.

The Weston Public Library was established in 1857 as a result of popular demand and with public subscriptions of cash and books. It has always been a popular institution for gifts and bequests, and many have been made without any public record. The first gift of money to become a permanent trust fund, however, was made by Charles Merriam in 1859 in the amount of \$1,000.

Charles Merriam came to Weston in 1821, and in 1824 succeeded D. S. Lamson in the drygoods business. Weston at that time was on the main stagecoach route between Boston and New York, and was a considerable shopping center with a patronage from as far as southern New Hampshire and Vermont. Mr. Merriam was active in town affairs, and in 1835 became a selectman and town treasurer. He went into business in Boston in 1836 and later became quite wealthy. His wife was Caroline Ware of Newton, and he had three sons. One of these sons returned to Weston in the '70's and built a house, no longer standing, on the so-called Merriam Farm at the corner of Concord Road and Merriam Street, now a part of the Weston College property. Charles Merriam built the house which is now the parsonage of St. Julia's Church.

In 1865, Mr. Merriam made a second gift of \$1,000. to the town, this time to establish the Merriam Fund for the Silent Poor. This quaint title described a purpose which was keenly appreciated in days when any charitable aid of a public nature was attended by detailed annual reports of the Overseers of the Poor which would be considered merciless today. Quoting a letter dated March 28, 1865 from Mr. Merriam to the selectmen:

"Enclosed I hand United States seven and three tenths Treasury Note for One Thousand Dollars.

My object is to commence the establishment of a fund for the benefit of what I shall call "The Silent Poor of the Town."

And I desire that the interest and income shall be paid over, not to the paupers, but to that class of **honest, temperate** men and women, who work hard or are **prudent** and **economical**, and yet find it difficult to make both ends meet. To such, a load of groceries, or a little flour or meal, will always be of great service.

Now an important point is judicious distribution, from year to year, of this income. I leave that matter entirely to the town, suggesting only that three or more persons, selected from the different parts of the town, would be able to represent his or her location, and thus in conference all cases of need would be made known."

Mr. Merriam met an accidental death later that same year, and the sorrow of the townspeople was expressed in a resolution in the next town meeting. Before his death, he indicated that he hoped that all cases of aid would be kept confidential, and also wished that other persons similarly disposed might add to the fund. Five other persons have done so and the First Parish Church later received a fund similarly named.

A bequest amounting to \$300. was made to the Public Library in 1861 under the will of Isaac Fiske, who was born in 1778 on North Road (now Avenue), the son of Jonathan and Abigail Fiske. He was graduated from Harvard College in 1798, and practised law at his office on the Boston Post Road at the corner of Linwood Avenue. This building is still standing. He married Sukey Hobbs of Weston and they had seven children. In 1832, after the death of his first wife, he married her sister Sophronia. His house was opposite his office at the corner of Fiske Street (now called Fiske Lane by common usage).

Isaac Fiske was active in local, state, and national public affairs. He served as town clerk and as a selectman for a number of years and was twice a representative to the General Court of Massachusetts. In 1820 he was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention. From 1817 to 1851 he was Register of Probate for Middlesex County. He died in 1861 and is buried in the Central Cemetery.

The first addition to the Merriam Fund was in 1871, a bequest of \$1,250. by Ichabod Pierce, a native of Weston who died in that year at the age of ninety. Mr. Pierce was a bachelor and a farmer, one of eleven children of Joshua and Mary Pierce, some of whose descendants still live in Weston. He lived in a small red house at the foot of the hill on what is now the Pine Brook Valley Golf Club. He was surveyor of highways in 1815, and in his later years he was much interested in general town affairs. He is buried in the Central Cemetery.

Charles H. Fiske in 1873 donated \$100. from his salary as representative to the General Court of Massachusetts to the Public Library. A grandson of Isaac Fiske, and son of Augustus H. and Hannah Bradford Fiske, he was born in Weston in 1840. After graduation from Harvard College in 1860, he practised law in Boston. He married Cornelia Robbins and lived in the old Marshall house on Church Street. For many years he was town moderator and an active member of the First Parish Church. He died in 1921 and is buried in the Linwood Cemetery.

The Merriam Fund received a third gift by bequest of Miss Eliza De Rebinder in 1872, amounting to \$787. Miss De Rebinder was born in

Germany in 1794, the daughter of Baron De Rebinder. She was a friend of the Shaw family in Boston and lived for many years with the Vittum family on Lexington Street. In 1860 she built the Marshall Cutting house near the Vittums and lived there with her companion, Miss Maria Pringle. She is buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

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During the year 1948, additions to the Trust Funds principal amounted to \$2,454.36, made up as follows:

Payments for perpetual care, burial grounds	\$2,133.00
World War Trust Fund interest, to principal	90.11
Gain from sale U. S. Treasury bonds	231.25

In 1947 and in 1948, amortization of bonds purchased above their par value was accomplished by transferring \$92.00 from income to principal. The above gain resulted from sale of \$30,000 par value of United States Treasury 2½% long-term bonds, the proceeds of which were deposited in savings banks for reinvestment at a later date.

As of December 31, 1948 the schedule of investments of the trust funds appeared as follows:

Savings bank deposits, World War Trust Fund	\$4,073.20
Savings bank deposits, other trust funds	84,589.60
\$10,000 U. S. Ser. G 2½'s due May 1, 1953	\$10,000.00
10,000 U. S. Ser. G 2½'s due July 1, 1954	10,000.00
10,000 U. S. Ser. G 2½'s due Aug. 1, 1954	10,000.00
10,000 U. S. Ser. G 2½'s due Apr. 1, 1955	10,000.00
10,000 U. S. Ser. G 2½'s due June 1, 1956	10,000.00
10,000 U. S. Ser. G 2½'s due Dec. 1, 1956	10,000.00
10,000 U. S. Ser. G 2½'s due May 1, 1957	10,000.00
10,000 U. S. Ser. G 2½'s due Nov. 1, 1957	10,000.00
5,000 New York Central R. R. 4's Feb. 1, 1998	4,218.75
4,500 Delaware & Hudson Co. 4's May 1, 1963	3,993.75
10,000 Western Maryland R. R. 4's Oct. 1, 1952	10,368.44
200 shares First National Bank of Boston	7,175.01
 Total principal account of trust funds	 <hr/> \$194,418.75

All the above investments are carried at cost with the exception of the Western Maryland R. R. bonds, which are being written down annually out of income so that their payment at maturity will not reduce the principal account. Income produced by these funds in 1948 amounted to \$5,314.28, or approximately 2½%. World War Trust Fund income is

regularly accrued to principal, and the rest is distributed pro rata to the individual accounts for expenditure by the various boards in accordance with the expressed wishes of the donors. At the end of the year, unexpended balances in the various accounts totalled \$3,676.15 as compared with \$5,260.68 at the end of 1947.

No basic change of investment policy was made by the Trust Fund Commissioners in 1948. Returns from high grade investments have been increasing moderately for the past two years, but the increase has not as yet been considered sufficient to justify purchase of long-term corporate bonds. Under the terms of the State law covering municipal trust funds, investments are limited to certain bank deposits, and bonds or notes adjudged legal for savings bank investment in this State. Stocks may no longer be purchased.

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## REPORT OF VETERANS' HOUSING BOARD

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Following the appointment of the Board shortly after the 1948 annual Town Meeting, meetings were held approximately weekly during the spring and summer, and less frequently since October. A number of meetings were held jointly with veterans interested in the plan. In addition there have been numerous consultations by one or more members of the Board with individual veterans, landowners, builders, architects, the town counsel and others.

During the spring and early summer months a great deal of time and effort were spent in seeking suitable land for veteran's housing. All available tracts, large and small, were considered and shown to the veterans. In one case an option was taken on a twenty acre parcel to keep it available until development costs had been determined. It was necessary to permit the option to lapse unexercised when it became apparent that the cost of development (roads and water) would bring the cost of each lot in that and other undeveloped tracts under consideration to more than \$2500. As a result the idea of developing one or two large areas was necessarily abandoned and the veterans were urged to consider the purchase of individual lots, a number of which were located and shown to them at prices ranging from \$1500 to \$2000. Three veterans purchased lots directly in their own names, and three others selected lots and made deposits with the Board under the plan for their purchase.

Because the applicable laws do not permit the expenditure of more than \$1000 by any town without the approval of the State Housing Board, it was necessary to obtain preliminary approval from that body



before proceeding further. Several members of the Board, together with the town counsel, appeared before the State Housing Board and after explaining the situation and the Weston Plan in detail, requested preliminary approval so that we would be able to proceed with the obtaining of options on land and the preparation of a formal application. The law requires that the application contain a description of the land to be used, plans of the houses to be built, estimated costs and other details. After considerable discussion, the State Board expressed informal approval, but indicated that it favored the construction of a "standardized" house, rather than individually designed custom-built houses. These facts were reported to the veterans who stated that they desired individually designed houses, if approval could possibly be obtained. Arrangements were made for an architect to consult with and advise such veterans as required his assistance.

Relying upon the informal approval obtained from the State Board, deposits were made on three lots selected by individual veterans and all interested veterans were requested to complete and submit house plans. At the same time, an investigation was conducted of the types of standardized houses available. The Board selected the Parent House, a "pre-cut" Cape Cod type house, which was available at that time at a price within the required price range and which met the town's building code. One of these houses has since been built, and is now being occupied by a veteran, a member of this Board. A formal application was filed with the State Board using the Parent House as the example of the type of house to be constructed, but it was intended to submit the plans prepared by the veterans for approval when they were available. At a meeting with the veterans, a dead-line was agreed upon for submission of plans by the veterans in order to permit construction to be started before winter set in, but no plans were submitted.

On September 24, 1948, the State Board disapproved the Weston plan because of the requirement that participating veterans shall contribute 10% of the cost, and rejected our application for the additional reasons that the Parent House was not competitive (the fair-bidding statutes require competitive bids) and because a 15 year bond issue was favored instead of the 20 year term proposed. This decision was considered by this Board to be unreasonable and capricious as it was contrary to the position taken by the State Board in June, upon which the local Board had relied. As a result, the veterans' deposits had to be returned, and they had to deal individually with the landowners. One veteran dropped out entirely, and the other two purchased their lots directly. One of these veterans is waiting for veteran's housing, the other is building his own house.

The board then met jointly with the Board of Selectmen and the town counsel to discuss the situation and decided as a result to insist upon retention of that part of the Weston Plan requiring contribution by the veteran of a portion of the cost. It was decided, however, to



increase the maximum of the town's participation from \$9000 to \$10,000 in view of increased land and building costs, as under the plan this should result in no greater cost to the town. The requested change to a 15 year bond issue was also approved.

The Board accompanied by the town counsel then met with the chairman of the State Board and engaged in a protracted argument. As a result the Board received assurances that if a subsequent application were filed meeting the State Board's requirements in other respects, the adverse decision with respect to the requirement of a contribution by the veterans would be reconsidered.

The Board then arranged with Donaldson R. McMullin, a local architect, for the design of a standardized house which would meet the needs of our veterans, the building code requirements, and which could be constructed within the required price range. A new application is about to be filed with the State Board supported by the new house plans. The plans will also be submitted to the veterans for acceptance, but the Board feels that State Board approval is a pre-requisite to this in view of past experience.

During the above period the veterans were kept informed of developments by means of joint meetings, written interim reports mailed to those who had expressed an interest, and by reports published in the town reporter.

Of the sum of \$1000 appropriated at the last town meeting, the Board has expended \$665.18 of which \$200 was on account of architect's services, and the balance for miscellaneous expenses for plans, blue-prints, photostats, etc.

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## REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

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At the close of World War Two there were names of 542 Weston citizens on the Town Honor Roll, 21 of these names had a Gold Star by its side. Of these 21, two, George Murray Burke Jr. and Frederick William Peterson Jr. are now buried in our Linwood Cemetery, the remains of Corporal Peterson having been brought back from Iwo Jima late last year. An Honor Guard from the Weston Legion Post 214, met the train bearing his remains at Waltham and escorted the flag draped casket to the hearse. At the request of the family no public demonstration in his honor was made, a memorial service having been held some months ago when it was not expected his remains would be returned

to our country. The day of his burial the town flags were flown at half staff, a silent tribute to one who gave his life that another might be saved. It is hoped that within the next few weeks a plaque bearing the name of the Town's honored dead of this last war will be placed on the boulder at the town flag pole, a constant reminder of their sacrifice.

During the past year taps sounded again, bringing to four those known to have died since returning to civilian life. Two Weston Veterans are still in the hospital at Bedford, one from each of our World Wars. Another who re-enlisted as a pilot has been in the hospital at Tucson, Arizona, as a result of the "cold war".

About a dozen of those who served during the war are still in uniform, a few having remained in the service, others re-enlisting. A number of our young men volunteered for service this past year, and are now stationed all over the country.

Numerous calls were received during the year, and all possible help given. Many of the forms required for veteran's applications are on file and can be had on request. We are constantly receiving information regarding government positions open to Veterans, which any interested can obtain.

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## FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN HISTORIAN FOR THE YEAR 1948

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This year had special significance for our Town, in that it marked the 250th anniversary of the founding of The First Parish in Weston—which, in effect, was the founding of the Town itself. Originally a part of Watertown, Weston—the "Farmers' Precinct"—was finally permitted, in 1698, to establish its own Meeting House and to settle an Orthodox Minister "to dispense the word of God unto the inhabitants living on the West side of Stony Brook". Thus did the community of Weston first acquire an identity of its own—although it was not actually set off as a separate town until 1713.

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It is to be fervently hoped that the pious farmers of this territory who, between 1630 and 1698, journeyed each week by ox cart from Weston to Cambridge (then also a part of Watertown) to attend Sunday worship, never had to struggle through such drifts, such blinding, relentless snow-falls, as engulfed our Town during the early months of 1948. This year

is remembered by Weston, as by practically all Massachusetts communities, as the "Year of the Big Snow"—the heaviest snowfall ever recorded in this State since the establishment of the Weather Bureau. And Weston people—with the possible exception of members of the Cat Rock Ski Club—also hope fervently that 1948 may continue to hold that dubious honor through many generations to come.

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In the Spring of 1948 the Weston High School burned, and—with a speed and efficiency that astonished the Town, and no doubt dismayed many pupils—was rebuilt, in time for the opening of the Fall term.

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During this year, also, the financial impact of our forward-looking New School Building Program began to make itself felt on the mind and pocketbook of every Weston property owner.

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The desirability of providing more school facilities now for future needs is pointed up by the fact that more and more people are realizing that Weston is a good place to live. During 1948, despite high real estate values and construction costs—not to mention continuing shortages of labor and many materials—a real building boom got underway in the Town. During this year, no less than 64 permits were issued for new home construction, and an exactly equal number for remodelling existing dwellings. Also, 127 parcels of real estate changed hands. Barring either continued inflation or an economic "bust", it looks as though Weston ten years hence will bear only a remote resemblance, physically, to the quiet country town it has been these centuries past. However, this boom is only an acceleration of a trend that started some years ago. In 1940 our populaion was 3,590 but by 1945 it had increased to 4,473. And in 1948 it reached nearly 5000. So, inevitably, in the words of Tennyson, "the old order changeth, yielding place to new." But we may confidently trust that, though the population of our Town must change, its character and traditions will not!

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The Cat Rock Ski Club, formed in 1947, gained tremendous popularity during 1948. This is a non-profit organization, with membership open—and limited—to Weston residents. The proceeds from dues and guest fees are used to operate the ski tow at Cat Rock, in Kendal Green, on weekends and holidays. Thus Weston develops its own private winter sports area!

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This year, in tune with the times, Weston's Baby Sitters drew up a well-defined organization, with a central clearing station through which not only local sitters, but also student volunteers from three girls' col-

leges in and near Weston, could be called upon for service when parents wanted to take an evening off. A set of rules was formulated, ordaining, among other things, that ice boxes must not be raided except by special arrangement with employers. Also, minimum rates of pay were established—for care of children still up—for sitting (children in bed) until midnight—for sitting after midnight—and special rates for staying overnight.

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July 4th dawned somewhat dubiously, weatherwise, but all went well with the Town's celebration until about sunset, when the finals of the tennis tournament were drowned out by a sudden terrific downpour. Darkness having descended, the fireworks were quickly set off, and provided a highly satisfactory, though damp display. Children from 6 to 60 went to bed moist but happy.

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In 1948 was recorded the passing of Weston's oldest citizen, Mrs. Marshall Jones, nee Mary Roberts. She was born 102 years ago, on Jan. 22, 1846.

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The Summer, as usual, was not too uncomfortable, and wet spells alternated with dry spells. The fiercest heat wave set in during the last few days of August. It really was hot!

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The Winter, thus far, is mild and open—with a light and slippery snow for New Year's Day.

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So ends the year.

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1948

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This year's operation has been attended by several changes in personnel. After a brief leave of absence, Mr. Ralph F. Slayton resigned as Welfare Agent on October 4th. Mr. Slayton had been identified in this activity as Board Member or Agent since early in its existence as a fully established Welfare Department. His broad knowledge of the complicated structure of Welfare operation and his close contact with State and Federal Agencies was of great value to the local operation.

The post of Agent was filled provisionally by Mr. J. Stanley Tebo until November 14th when Mrs. Mary R. Berry assumed the duties. Mrs. Berry is a former Board Member and has a long and accomplished background in service to the Town.

It is with extreme regret that the Board records the resignation of Mrs. Margaret B. Warren from its membership as of December 1st. Mrs. Warren had been its Chairman since 1941. Her service on the Board was continuous from May 5, 1933 until her resignation. Her understanding and friendly help benefited the Town for many years before the institution of a Welfare Department.

A financial and statistical report of the activities of the Board follows: It is the intent to present these figures in a form which will give a clear picture of the financial requirements of the Department, the funds returned to the Town and the actual cost to Weston. This presentation necessarily departs materially from the involved methods of municipal accounting employed in the budget makeup, but all figures are verified by the books of the Town Accountant.

In October, Old Age Assistance payments were increased 8% to meet the increase in living costs. Other increases may be expected during the coming year due to pending State and Federal legislation. Although these increases may add considerably to our need for available funds, the actual cost to Weston will be slight. This is evidenced by a comparison of the first and last columns in the financial statement for 1948 which is a part of this report.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1948

Classification	Total Disbursed	Reimbursements			Total Receipts	Actual Cost to Weston
		Federal	State	Balances Used		
Dependent Aid—						
Administration	\$ 592.44					
Aid	5,548.41					
Total	6,140.85	—	2,261.91	—	2,261.91	3,878.94



Board Expense—						
Salaries	150.00					150.00
Old Age Assistance—						
Administration	1,057.97					
Aid	20,012.33					
Total	21,070.30	9,085.16	8,587.33	1,180.12	18,852.61	2,217.69
Aid to Dependent Children	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand Totals	27,361.15	9,085.16	10,849.24	1,180.12	21,114.52	6,246.63

### BUDGET REQUEST FOR 1949

Classification	Anticipated Disbursements	Requested Reserve	Available Funds	Budget Request
Dependent Aid—				
Administration				
Salaries and Expenses	\$632.50			
Furniture	217.50			
Total	850.00	—	—	850.00
Aid—Total	6,000.00	—	—	6,000.00
Board Expense				
Salaries	150.00	—	—	150.00
Old Age Assistance				
Administration				
Salaries and Expenses	1,142.50			
Furniture	282.50			
Total	1,425.00	181.53	(a) 306.53	1,300.00
Aid—Total	22,000.00	1,332.00	(b) 9,332.00	14,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children—				
Administration		95.63	(a) 45.63	50.00
Aid		825.17	(a) 325.17	500.00
Grand Totals—	30,425.00	2,434.33	10,009.33	22,850.00

(a) Balances available Jan. 1, 1949

(b) Includes

Balance available—\$332.00

Est. Fed. Grants—9,000.00

**CASE LOAD FOR 1948**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>	<b>Number of Individuals</b>
Dependent Aid —	2-Family	10
	5-Individual	5
	—	—
	7	15
Old Age Assistance —		
As of Jan. 1,	31	31
Opened	2	2
Closed	4	4
As of Dec. 31		
Active	29	29
Pending	1	1
Temporary Aid	2	2
Denied Relief	3	3

## TOWN RECORDS, 1948

### Condensed

#### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 15, 1948

Pursuant to the warrant the meeting was called to order in the lower town hall by Francis Blake, Town Clerk, for the election of a temporary moderator for the purposes of Article 1 only and for action on Article 1. Mr. Blake determined and announced the presence of a quorum. Herbert E. Tyler was elected temporary moderator and was duly sworn to the faithful performance of his duties. The Town Clerk then read the warrant and the return of the officers who served it.

*Article 1.* To bring in their votes for the following town officers to be voted for on one ballot:

A moderator for a term of one year,  
 One selectman for a term of three years,  
 One member of the board of public welfare for a term of three years,  
 One assessor for a term of three years,  
 One member of the school committee for a term of three years,  
 A treasurer and collector for a term of one year,  
 One library trustee for a term of three years,  
 One trustee of the Merriam Fund for a term of three years,  
 One park commissioner for a term of three years,  
 One cemetery commissioner for a term of three years,  
 One member of the board of health for a term of three years,  
 One commissioner of trust funds for a term of three years,  
 One water commissioner for a term of three years,  
 One member of the planning board for a term of five years,  
 Two members of the recreation commission for a term of three years,  
 A tree warden for a term of one year,  
 Three measurers of lumber for a term of one year.

And to give their votes on the following question: "Shall the town vote to accept the provisions of section six C of chapter forty of the General Laws, which authorize cities and towns to appropriate money for the removal of snow and ice from private ways therein open to public use?"

The polls were opened at 12 o'clock noon and were closed at 7:45 P.M. Seven hundred fourteen ballots were cast. The results of the election were as follows:

#### MODERATOR (for one year)

Livingston Hall, Citizen's Causus .....	676
Blank .....	38

## SELECTMAN (for three years)

J. Robert Ayers, Citizens' Caucus .....	575
Blank .....	95
Scattering .....	44

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE (for three years)

Robert G. Hutchinson, Citizens' Caucus .....	656
Blank .....	57
Scattering .....	1

## ASSESSOR (for three years)

Leander H. Redfield, Citizens' Caucus .....	641
Blank .....	68
Scattering .....	5

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE (for three years)

Mortimer T. Farley, Citizens' Caucus .....	653
Blank .....	60
Scattering .....	1

## TREASURER AND COLLECTOR (for one year)

Helen E. Cutting, Citizens' Caucus .....	681
Blank .....	33

## LIBRARY TRUSTEE (for three years)

Miles Hanson, Jr., Citizens' Caucus .....	682
Blank .....	32

## TRUSTEE OF MERRIAM FUND (for three years)

Louise D. Brothie, Citizens' Caucus .....	670
Blank .....	44

## PARK COMMISSIONER (for three years)

Ray M. Koon, Citizens' Caucus .....	674
Blank .....	40

## CEMETERY COMMISSION (for three years)

Charles E. Mead, Citizens' Caucus .....	666
Blank .....	48

## BOARD OF HEALTH (for three years)

Charles A. Janeway, Citizens' Caucus .....	679
Blank .....	35

## MEASURERS OF LUMBER (for one year)

William J. Henderson, Citizens' Caucus .....	666
Harold A. Ogilvie, Citizens' Caucus .....	650
Charles H. Stimpson, Jr., Citizens' Caucus .....	664
Blank .....	161
Scattering .....	1

## COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS (for three years)

Homer F. Whittemore, Citizens' Caucus .....	640
Blank .....	74

## WATER COMMISSIONER (for three years)

Oscar A. Schlaikjer, Citizens' Caucus .....	649
Blank .....	64
Scattering .....	1

## PLANNING BOARD (for five years)

W. Brownell Freeman .....	366
James T. Mountz, Citizens' Caucus .....	330
Blank .....	18

## TREE WARDEN (for one year)

Gilbert M. Upham, Citizens' Caucus .....	669
Blank .....	44
Scattering .....	1

## RECREATION COMMISSION (for three years)

Eleanor B. Speare, Citizens' Caucus .....	659
Gilbert M. Upham, Citizens' Caucus .....	649
Blank .....	119
Scattering .....	1

## QUESTION

"Shall the town vote to accept the provisions of section six C of Chapter forty of the General Laws, which authorize cities and towns to appropriate money for the removal of snow and ice from private ways therein open to public use?"

Yes .....	622
No .....	73
Blank .....	19

The business meeting was called to order in the upper town hall at 8 P.M. by Livingston Hall, Moderator, who determined and announced the presence of a quorum.



The following resolution was offered by Mr. Wm. R. Dewey, Jr., and was unanimously adopted:

**RESOLVED:** We, the citizens of Weston assembled in our annual town meeting, have learned with profound regret of the decision of our senior selectmen, Herbert E. Tyler, not to seek reelection this year, thus bringing to a close thirty-six years' continuous service in that office since 1912, during twenty of which he was chairman of the board. During his period of service there have been widespread changes in government and society, two world wars, the depression, and substantial growth of this Town and alteration of many of its characteristics, all of which have added materially to the responsibilities of a selectman. To the discharge of these added responsibilities, as well as the older responsibilities of that office, Mr. Tyler has brought a scrupulous fidelity to duty, a New England farmer's sturdy common sense, and a keen perception of the wishes and needs of the townspeople. No task, whether it was the important task of preparing the annual budget or the prosaic task of perambulating the Town's boundaries, has been neglected by him. To meetings of the board of selectmen and to our town meetings he has brought courtesy, cheerfulness and good humor. He has a real affection for this Town, and has been unremitting in his efforts to promote its welfare and to uphold its good name. His contribution to its good management for these many years is worthy of special note in its annuals. And therefore now, at the conclusion of his long and honorable period of service, we, his fellow citizens, join wholeheartedly in expressing to him our appreciation of what he has done for us, and no less our very deep affection for him as our good neighbor and friend.

**Further RESOLVED:** That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town and that a copy be sent by the Town Clerk to Mr. Tyler.

Mr. Dewey then presented Mr. Tyler with the keys of a Ford truck, a gift of the people of the Town through subscriptions.

Mr. Grant M. Palmer, Jr., offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

**RESOLVED:** We, the citizens of Weston assembled in our annual town meeting, desire to record our deep sorrow for the death of Alice E. Jones, our ballot clerk and member of our historical committee, on December 22, 1947, after a lifetime of eighty-six years in this Town. She was at the same time an epitome of the Weston of a former day and yet an active and interested participant in the affairs of the Town and the community to the very end of her life. Perhaps no person in Weston has had a wider acquaintance among the townspeople, and all—old, middle aged and young—have had a most affectionate regard

for her. Many organizations and their members will miss her profoundly. We can scarcely realize that we will no longer have her cheerful greeting as we enter the polling place to vote. We now mark our sincere appreciation of Miss Jones as a citizen, neighbor and friend.

Further RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town and that the town clerk send a copy to Miss Jones' family.

Mr. Wyman offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: The citizens of Weston in annual town meeting join in expressing their appreciation of the services of Benjamin S. Blake, for thirty years a member of the Board of Park Commissioners and for many years its chairman. He decided not to seek reelection this year, but in the thirty years since 1918 he has served the Town long and well. Mr. Blake's earnest efforts in behalf of town beautification, his deep interest in growing plants and his enthusiasm for putting the right plants in the right place—all have been greatly appreciated. It is sincerely hoped that he will continue to give the Park Commissioners the benefit of his many years of practical plant growing experience in the Town of Weston.

Further RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town and that the town clerk send a copy to Mr. Blake.

Dr. Van Nuys offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

RESOLVED: On this day Frank H. Allison retires from the Weston Board of Health after having served thirty-seven consecutive years thereon. In all that time he has given our Town constant energy and thought and took pride in working for a modern and efficient board.

The board members regret his departure; and the Town must feel a debt of gratitude for his years of service.

Further resolved that this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town and that the Town Clerk send a copy to Mr. Allison.

*Article 2.* To hear and act upon reports of town officers and committees.

*Voted:* That the several reports of the town officers and committees as printed in the annual town report for 1947 be accepted and placed on file subject to any corrections which may be made by this meeting or by the Town Clerk.

*Article 3.* To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the costs of government and other town charges for the current year; and to fix the salaries and compensation of elected officers of the Town for the current year.

*Mr. Dewey Moved:* That the several sums of money recommended by the selectmen for appropriation in 1948 in accordance with section 5 of Article II of the By-Laws, set forth on pages 19 to 30 of the annual town report for 1947 and aggregating \$523,585.99, be and hereby are appropriated for their respective purposes set forth on said pages.

*Mr. Coburn Moved:* That Mr. Dewey's motion be amended by making the following changes under the title "Highways and Bridges" on page 22 of the town report:

By increasing the item "Other Expenses" from \$26,100 to \$27,100.

By increasing the item "Total General Maintenance" from \$52,975 to \$53,900.

By increasing the item "Total for Highways" from \$85,150 to \$86,150.

*Mr. Brayton Moved:* That Mr. Dewey's motion be amended by making the following changes under the title "Schools" on page 24 of the town report:

By increasing the item "Salaries" from \$148,100 to \$149,100.

By striking out the item "Books, Equipment, and Apparatus" \$9,350 and the item "Maintenance, Repair, and Other Expenses" \$39,102, and by inserting in place thereof the item "Other Expenses" \$48,452.

By increasing the item "Total Schools" from \$220,087 to \$221,087.

*Mr. Cummings Moved:* That Mr. Dewey's motion be amended by making the following changes under the title "Recreation" on page 25 of the town report;

By striking out the recommended appropriation of \$300 in the item "Survey of Weston Recreation."

By increasing the item "Recreation Committee" from \$4,700 to \$5,000.

*Mr. Coburn Moved:* That Mr. Dewey's motion be amended by making the following changes under the title "Unclassified" on pages 26 and 27 of the town report:

By increasing the item "Town Reports" on page 26 from \$1,650 to \$1,850.

By increasing the item "Veterans' Housing" on page 27 from \$600 to \$1500.

By increasing the item "Total Unclassified" on page 27 from \$22,464 to \$23,564.

*Mr. Coburn Moved:* That Mr. Dewey's motion be amended by changing the item "Total Water" on page 28 of the town report from \$29,320 to \$29,300.

*Mr. Tyler Moved:* That Mr. Dewey's motion be amended by making the following changes under the title "Totals, except Bond Issues" on page 30 of the town report:

By striking out the footnote "Not including \$7,500.00 yearly to Reserve Fund from Overlay Surplus" under the item "Appropriations Recommended," and by substituting the footnote "Not including \$5,979.01 to Reserve Fund from Overlay Reserve."

By increasing the item "Appropriations Recommended" from \$523,585.99 to \$526,665.99.

Mr. Dewey accepted all these amendments to his motion. His motion, as so amended, was carried, the appropriations voted being as follows:

## BUDGET

### General Government

Selectmen—Chairman's Salary	\$ 200.00
2nd Selectmen's Salary	100.00
3rd Selectman's Salary	100.00
Expenses	300.00
Finance Committee	50.00
Town Accountant	2,250.00
Treasurer and Collector—Salary	3,150.00
Expenses	1,900.00
Assessors—Chairman's Salary	500.00
2nd Assessor's Salary	100.00
3rd Assessor's Salary	100.00
Expenses	800.00
Town Clerk—Salary	150.00
Expense	250.00
Clerk of Committees	4,300.00
Law	1,700.00
Election and Registration	1,200.00
Town Hall	16,475.00
	\$33,625.00

### Protection of Persons and Property

Police Dept.—Maintenance: Salaries	\$21,225.00
Police Dept.—Other Expenses	3,000.00
Police Dept.—Equipment and Apparatus	2,300.00

Fire Dept.—Maintenance: Salaries	20,229.00	
Fire Dept.—Other Expenses	4,940.00	
Fire Dept.—Equipment and Apparatus	1,750.00	
Hydrant Service	7,500.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	25.00	
Moth Extermination	3,000.00	
Tree Warden	4,000.00	
Building Inspector	150.00	
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#### Health and Sanitation

Board of Health—Chairman's Salary	\$ 50.00	
2nd Member's Salary	25.00	
3rd Member's Salary	25.00	
Expenses	3,125.00	
Cooperating Boards of Health	2,300.00	
Inspection of School Children	900.00	
School Nurse	1,825.00	
Mosquito Control	5,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$13,250.00

#### Highways and Bridges

General Maintenance: Salaries	\$26,800.00	
Other Expenses	27,100.00	
Maintenance Chapter 90	500.00	
Chapter 90, Construction	7,500.00	
Highway Equipment	11,850.00	
Street Lighting	11,000.00	
Public Dump	1,400.00	
	<hr/>	86,150.00

#### Public Welfare

Dependent Aid—Administrative	\$ 600.00	
Dependent Aid	6,000.00	
Board of Public Welfare—Chairman's Salary	50.00	
2nd Member's Salary	50.00	
3rd Member's Salary	50.00	
Old Age Assistance—Administrative	1,650.00	
Old Age Assistance	11,000.00	
Aid to Dependent Children Administrative	100.00	
	<hr/>	19,500.00



**Soldiers Benefits**

Soldiers Benefits	850.00
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**Schools**

Salaries	\$149,100.00
Other Expenses	48,452.00
Vocational Education	1,200.00
Out of State Travel	250.00
New England School Development Council	85.00
Lunchroom Salaries	5,200.00
Lunchroom Expenses	16,800.00
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	\$221,087.00

**Libraries**

Salaries	\$ 9,000.00
Other Expenses	2,375.00
Books and Periodicals	900.00
Maintenance and Repair	500.00
Equipment	500.00
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	13,275.00

**Recreation**

Recreation Committee	\$5,000.00
Park Department	520.00
Athletic Field Equipment and Maintenance	1,100.00
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	\$ 6,620.00

**Unclassified**

Memorial Day	\$ 275.00
Town Reports	1,850.00
Planning Board	5,500.00
Planning Board Capital Outlay	1,000.00
Insurance, Fire and Boiler	2,850.00
Insurance, Workmen's Compensation	1,100.00
Insurance, Motor Vehicles	1,550.00
Insurance, All Other	200.00
Dwelling House, Cutters Corner	400.00
Veterans' Houses, Maintenance	1,000.00
Contributory Retirement Fund, Administrative	65.00
Contributory Retirement Fund	3,974.00
All Other	1,000.00
Town Bulletin	900.00

Director of Veterans' Services: Salaries	300.00	
Expenses	100.00	
Veterans' Housing	1,500.00	
	<hr/>	23,564.00

**Water Department (Except Bond Issues)**

Water Commissioners' Salaries—Chairman	\$ 100.00	
2nd Member	100.00	
3rd Member	100.00	
Maintenance: Salaries	10,400.00	
Expenses	16,400.00	
Interest on Debt	2,200.00	
	<hr/>	29,300.00

**Burial Grounds**

Salaries	\$ 7,380.00	
Expense	525.00	
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Reserve Fund		2,020.99
Interest		1,400.00
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Total		\$526,665.99

*Voted:* That the salaries of the Selectmen, the town clerk, the members of the board of public welfare, the assessors, the treasurer and collector, the members of the board of health, and the water commissioners for 1948, effective from January 1, 1948, be and hereby are fixed in the amounts already appropriated for such salaries, respectively, by previous vote under this article; and that all other elected officers of the Town be unpaid.

*Voted:* That five persons be appointed by the moderator to serve as a Memorial Day Committee in 1948, with authority to expend for the observance of that day the sum of \$275. already appropriated for that purpose by previous vote under this article.

*Article 4.* To authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable withone year and to renew or refund any note or notes given for a period of less than one year in accordance with chapter 44 of the General Laws.

*Voted:* That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948, to an amount not exceeding \$150,000, and to issue therefor a note or notes each payable within one year from its date, and to renew or refund any note or notes given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, chapter 44, section 17.

*Article 5.* To appropriate money from overlay reserve to be used as a reserve fund.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$5,979.01 be and hereby is transferred from the overlay reserve fund to the reserve fund, to be added to the sum of \$2,020.99 already appropriated for the reserve fund by vote under Article 3.

*Article 6.* To authorize the assessors to make deductions on account of available funds in the treasury in determining the annual assessment of taxes in the current year.

*Voted:* In determining the annual assessment of taxes in the current year, the assessors, with the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation as required by General Laws, chapter 59, section 23, may deduct a sum not exceeding \$25,000 on account of available funds in the treasury, in addition to amounts deductible as specific appropriations from such funds.

*Article 7.* To appropriate for the support of the Public Library the dog license refund received in the current year.

*Voted:* That the sum of \$1,218.70, being the amount of the 1948 dog license refund received from the treasurer of Middlesex County, be and hereby is appropriated for Libraries—Other Expenses, in addition to the amount already appropriated for that purpose by vote under Article 3.

*Article 8.* To appropriate for laying or relaying water mains certain sums already paid to the Town by applicants for water main installations.

*Voted:* That there be and hereby are appropriated to the "Blanket Extensions" account of the water department for the use of the water commissioners for laying or relaying water mains not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter, the sum of \$1989.31 from available funds in the treasury and the sum of \$1,000 from "Guarantee Deposits on Water Service," both being sums heretofore paid to the Town by applicants for water main installations.

*Article 9.* To appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum or sums of money in anticipation of state and county reimbursement for chapter 90 highway maintenance and construction.

*Voted:* That the sums of \$1,000 and \$22,500 be and hereby are appropriated from available funds in the treasury to meet that part of the cost of chapter 90 highway maintenance and chapter 90 highway construction, respectively, which falls upon the Commonwealth and Middlesex County; the reimbursements from the Commonwealth and Middlesex County to be restored upon their receipt to available funds in the treasury.

*Article 10.* To take any action respecting a new school building or buildings and the equipment, furnishing and facilities thereof, the development of school lands, the powers, duties and appropriations of the special school building committee appointed pursuant to vote at the town meeting held on June 25, 1946, and the existing school buildings and plant; and to appropriate money, to be raised by borrowing or otherwise, in connection with any or all of such matters, and to authorize the issuing of any necessary bonds or notes.

*Mr. Edward Hubbard Moved:* That the sum of \$15,000, to be taken from the proceeds of fire insurance received by the Town through the fire loss on the so-called Case barn, be and hereby is appropriated for the use of the special school building committee for the purposes set forth in the fourth vote adopted under Article 1 at the town meeting held on June 25, 1946, in addition to the appropriation of \$500,000 made thereby.

Mr. Hubbard then read the following:

"This motion is for the purpose of providing funds for meeting the obligations incurred by the building committee in the name of the Town without immediate recourse to borrowing. Mr. Moderator, at this point I should like to read and explain a recommendation to be made under this article. While it does not properly come at this point, it has a direct bearing on the motion. It became obvious last week that serious differences of opinion among the various official and unofficial committees which have studied this problem were promoting confusion among the townspeople at large. A spontaneous movement within the membership of these committees following the open meeting of the Taxpayers' Association last Wednesday evening led to the drafting of a joint statement, to which final approval was given by all groups last Saturday. The statement follows:

The following is a joint recommendation of the board of selectmen, finance committee, the school committee, the school building committee, and the executive committee of the Weston Association of Parents and Teachers with reference to the construction of a new elementary

school. The executive committee of the board of directors of the Taxpayers' Association concurs with the recommendation.

'We recognize the existence of a need for a new school building for elementary grades to be available for occupancy by September, 1949, as described in the program entitled "First Stage" as presented by the school building committee.

'It is our belief that further economies may be affected if a reasonable amount of additional time is provided in which all of the groups interested may work together to produce as much as may be possible to obtain by way of facilities for the amount of money spent.

'Recognizing that the construction of an 11-room school will not solve all of the existing problems, and may indeed create additional problems, it is our hope that it may be possible to obtain a building comparable to that described by the school building committee as a combination of its First and Second Stages for substantially less money than the total amount now indicated as a probable cost of such a program. It is the intention of these committees to do everything possible to determine what may be expected as the maximum possible facilities at a minimum cost consistent with sound construction and educational requirements.

'We, therefore, recommend that any further action under this article be postponed until a special town meeting to be called by the selectmen when requested to do so by the school building committee but not later than September 15, 1948. At that time the school building committee will be prepared to present to the Town contractors' bids covering proposals which result from the combined consideration of the committees involved with a building reasonably comparable to the First Stage as an expected minimum standard.'

The building committee gave the following assurances, which it now gives to the townspeople:

'1. That it is expected that bona fide contractors' bids will be obtained as a basis for action in the proposed special town meeting.

2. That these bids will cover not only a building comparable to the First Stage as shown in the building committee's report, but also a building comparable to the First and Second Stage combined.

'3. That in the meantime, further intensive study will be given to all possible economies, with the help of the other groups, and that the building committee hopes that general approval will thereby be gained of a building which is unlikely to require almost immediate expansion.

'4. That if favorable action is taken at the special meeting on any bids received, the building committee believes that there will be ample time for completion of the approved building for occupancy in September 1949. September 15, 1948 is believed to be the latest practical date for the special meeting.'

Mr. Brayton then read the following report from the school committee:



### School Committee

Subject: Memorandum Relative to Article 10 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting on March 15, 1948.

"Your school committee unanimously and wholeheartedly joins in this proposal. You should back your building committee and its recommendations 100%.

"Furthermore, we believe that this cooperative procedure will *not* hamper the efficiency of the building committee, but will facilitate and accelerate a mutual understanding of the school needs and a mutual agreement of the most economical and effective solution.

"Because of assurances of the other boards and committees given to your school committee, we believe that the Town of Weston will have a new school ready for occupancy by September, 1949. Also, this school will be of sound construction and appropriate for our educational program.

"Hence, your school committee recommends your approval of this procedure.

School Committee

MARJORY L. BLANEY

ANTHONY BRAYTON

MORTIMER T. FARLEY"

Mr. Hubbard's motion was then carried unanimously.

*Article 11.* To authorize the acquisition by purchase or gift, for the enlargement of Linwood Cemetery, of the fee or other interests in the whole or any part of either or both a parcel of land of Mary A. Jones containing about 25.8 acres and a small parcel of land of Harriet E. Colpitts, both situated on the south side of the State Road By-Pass adjacent to the east side of Linwood Cemetery and shown on a plan of Charles H. Simpson, Jr., dated October 22, 1947; and to appropriate money from the Burial Grounds—Sales of Lots Fund for such acquisition and for the improvement and development of the lands so acquired.

*Voted:* The selectmen are hereby authorized to acquire by purchase or gift, for the enlargement of Linwood Cemetery, the fee or other interests in the whole or any part of either or both a parcel of land of Mary A. Jones containing about 25.8 acres and a small parcel of land of Harriet E. Colpitts, both situated on the south side of the State Road By-Pass adjacent to the east side of Linwood Cemetery and shown on a plan of Charles H. Stimpson, Jr., dated October 22, 1947. The lands or interests therein so acquired may be acquired subject to such terms and conditions as the selectmen may approve. A purchase contract dated October 8, 1947, made by the cemetery commissioners in the name and behalf of the Town with the conservator of the property of Mary A. Jones, is hereby ratified. The selectmen in the name and behalf of the Town may take any options and make any further

purchase and other contracts suitable to the acquisition of such lands or interests therein. The sum of \$19,000 is hereby appropriated from the "Burial Grounds—Sale of Lots Fund"; whatever part of that sum may be required for the acquisition of such lands or interests therein shall be for the use of the selectmen for that purpose, and the remainder of that sum shall be for the use of the Cemetery Commissioners for the improvement and development of the lands so acquired.

Carried unanimously.

*Article 12.* To designate representatives authorized to act for the Town in connection with the winding up of the Trapelo Trust or Enclave.

*Voted:* That the selectmen shall represent the Town in all matters pertaining to the winding up of the Trapelo Trust or Enclave, with full authority and discretion to take any action and execute any instruments in the name and behalf of the Town which they think best.

*Article 13.* To take any action respecting a town historian, the historical committee, and the compilation, recording and preservation of current and other historical information and material concerning the Town.

*Voted (1):* That the vote adopted under Article 5 of the warrant at the town meeting held on March 30, 1931, be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

There is hereby established a permanent, unpaid historical committee of three members, whose duties, subject to any instructions by the Town from time to time, shall be to foster the knowledge of the Town's history and the preservation of articles, documents and other property of historical nature in the Town; to have the custody, care and management of such property of that nature as has been or shall be acquired by the Town and not entrusted to some other officer or committee; to compile, record and preserve current and other historical information and material concerning the Town; and generally to attend to its historical affairs. As soon as may be after the annual town election in each year, the selectmen shall appoint one member of the committee to serve for a term of three years commencing on April 1 in the year of appointment. Each member of the committees of three members, whose duties, subject to any instructions in the membership of the committee shall be filled for the unexpired term by the selectmen. The committee from time to time shall choose its chairman and secretary and shall designate one of its members to act as town historian.

*Voted (2):* That the terms of office of the members of the historical committee expiring in 1948, 1949, and 1950 shall extend to and expire on March 31 in those years, respectively.

*Article 14.* To appropriate the sum of \$300 or any other sum for the use of the planning board in connection with a war memorial.

*Mr. Mountz Moved:* That the sum of \$300 be and hereby is appropriated for the use of the planning board in connection with a war memorial.

This motion was defeated.

*Article 15.* To amend the Zoning By-Law, Article VIII of the by-laws, by striking out section 3 (a) and by inserting in place thereof substantially the following section:

Sect. 3 (a). *Residence Districts.* The removal of sod, loam, clay sand, gravel or quarried stone from any premises in a single residence district or a general residence district, whether for sale or not, is prohibited unless such removal is merely incidental to the construction, enlargement or alteration of a building for which a permit has been issued, or is permitted by a special permit granted by the board of appeals subject to the provisions of section 16 and upon a finding by the board that such removal will be advantageous to the premises in question or the neighborhood or otherwise desirable.

Voted that Article 15 be passed and so disposed of.

*Article 16.* To consider and act upon the report and recommendations of the special veterans' housing committee; to take any action respecting the existence, powers, duties and appropriation of that committee; to authorize a veterans' housing development or developments and any lawful action suitable thereto, including acquisition by purchase or gift of one or more parcels or tracts of land or interests therein, subdivision of land, providing ways and public utilities, construction and maintenance of housing, rental and sale of parcels and housing and granting of options, acceptance of gifts or contributions of money and property, and cooperation with veterans and others; to designate a board or officer, or establish a new board or office, fully empowered to act for the Town respecting such development or developments; and to appropriate money, to be raised by borrowing or otherwise, for the purposes of such development or developments, and to authorize the issuing of any necessary bonds or notes.

*Voted:* The second report of the special veterans' housing committee appointed pursuant to vote adopted at the town meeting held on May 28, 1947, is hereby accepted and placed on file, and the committee is hereby discharged. There is hereby established an unpaid board of five members (herein called the board) to be known as the veterans housing board. The moderator, or, if that office be vacant, the selectmen, shall presently appoint the members of the board, to

serve during the existence thereof, and shall from time to time fill any vacancies in its membership. The existence, powers and duties of the board shall continue until terminated by the Town or by law. A majority of the whole board may act for the board. All other officers, boards, committees and employees of the Town are hereby directed to render all possible assistance to the board in the performance of its duties. There is hereby authorized one or more veterans' housing developments under section 6, paragraph (3), of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1946, as amended, as determined by the board. For that purpose the board, in conformity to law, may take in the name and behalf of the Town any appropriate action, upon such terms and conditions as the board may think best, including (without limiting the generality of the foregoing power) selection and purchase of one or more tracts of land or interests therein, and personal property; subdivision of land; providing of ways and public utilities; construction and maintenance of housing; rental, leasing and sale of land, housing and other property; granting and taking of options; employment of architects, engineers and other experts, and contractors; acceptance of gifts, grants and contributions of money, real and personal property, and services; co-operation with veterans and others; and making of all suitable contracts, deeds, leases and other arrangements and instruments. Except as otherwise provided by law, the board, in conformity to law, shall determine the expenditure of all funds available for such development or developments. For any or all of the foregoing purposes, the sum of \$101,000 is hereby appropriated, of which \$1,000 is hereby appropriated from available funds in the treasury; and \$100,000 shall be raised by borrowing outside the statutory limit under the authority of and in conformity to chapter 372 of the Acts of 1946, as amended, to which end the town treasurer, with the approval of selectmen, is hereby authorized to prepare, issue and sell coupon bonds or notes of the Town in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$100,000, and to determine in conformity to law the period of the loan, all particulars as to the form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities, and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

This was adopted by a vote of 343 in the affirmative and none in the negative.

The meeting was dissolved at 10:11 P.M.

#### **PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY APRIL 27 1948**

- 7 Delegates at Large to the National Convention of the Republican Party.
- 7 Alternate Delegates at Large to the National Convention of the Republican Party.
- 16 Delegates at Large to the National Convention of the Democratic Party.



- 16 Alternate Delegates at Large to the National Convention of the Democratic Party.
- 2 District Delegates to the National Convention of the Republican Party 4th Congressional Dist.
- 2 Alternate District Delegates to the National Convention of the Republican Party 4th Congressional Dist.
- 2 District Delegates to the National Convention of the Democratic Party 4th Congressional Dist.
- 2 Alternate District Delegates to the National Convention of the Democratic Party 4th Congressional District.
- District Members of State Committee (One man and One woman)  
for each political party for the Middlesex-Norfolk Senatorial District.
- 10 Members of the Republican Town Committee.
- 10 Members of the Democratic Town Committee

Pursuant to the warrant the meeting was called to order in the lower town hall by Wm. R. Dewey, Jr., Chairman, board of selectmen. The polls were opened at 2 P.M. and were closed at 8 P.M. 45 Republican and 6 Democratic ballots were cast. The results were as follows:

### Republican Party

#### DELEGATES AT LARGE TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

Robert F. Bradford, 106 Coolidge Hill, Cambridge.....	42
Leverett Saltonstall, Smith Street, Dover.....	41
Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., 275 Hale Street, Beverly.....	38
Joseph William Martin, Jr., 54 Grove Street, North Attleborough...	33
Clarence A. Barnes, 79 Rumford Avenue, Mansfield.....	35
Katherine G. Howard, 186 Summer Avenue, Reading.....	34
Edwin L. Olander, 21 Massasoit Street, Northampton.....	36
Blank .....	56

#### ALTERNATE DELEGATES AT LARGE TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

Esther W. Wheeler, 105 Summer Street, Malden.....	33
Carroll L. Meins, 171 Humboldt Avenue, Boston .....	31
Clara F. Roberto, 151 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington.....	33
Richard V. Wigglesworth, 203 Adams Street, Milton.....	41
Florence G. Claussen, 155 Cliff Road, Wellesley.....	32
Anne M. Zyfers, 124 Oxford Street, Cambridge.....	30
Milton P. Higgins, 575 Salisbury Street, Worcester .....	34
Blank .....	81

#### DISTRICT DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

##### Fourth District

##### Group 1

Phillip M. Morgan, 19 Cedar Street, Worcester.....	24
J. Allan Hodder, 196 Salem End Road, Framingham.....	25



## ALTERNATE DISTRICT DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

## Fourth District

Irene Gowetz, 50 Franklin Street, Worcester.....	21
Janet R. Howe, Concord Road, Sudbury.....	24

## Group 2

## Delegates

Eldridge E. Campbell, 1 Saxon Road, Worcester.....	2
Wesley E. Mellquist, 86 Monadnock Road, Worcester.....	1

## Alternate Delegates

Mabel R. Webster, 3 Lenox Street, Worcester.....	2
Charles W. Olson, Ashland.....	5
Blanks — Delegates .....	38
Blanks — Alternate Delegates .....	38

## STATE COMMITTEE

## Middlesex and Norfolk District

Edward P. Wyeth, 269 Salem End Road, Framingham.....	38
Blank .....	7

## STATE COMMITTEE

## Middlesex and Norfolk District

Ruth J. Leavitt, 1 Westview Terrace, Natick .....	37
Blank .....	8

## TOWN COMMITTEE — WESTON

J. Robert Ayers, 42 Aberdeen Road.....	39
William R. Dewey, Jr., 56 Pigeon Hill Road.....	42
Theodore R. Lingley, 17 Warren Lane.....	38
Elizabeth B. Hall, 55 Loring Road.....	39
David A. Perry, 225 Boston Post Road.....	42
Everett M. Studley, Bullard Road.....	39
Donald D. Reynolds, 29 Hidden Road.....	39
Leonard H. Dowse, Orchard Avenue.....	39
Paul R. Allen, 242 Merriam Street .....	37
Agnes B. FitzGerald, 62 South Avenue.....	1
Blank .....	95

## Democratic Party

DELEGATES AT LARGE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES AT  
LARGE TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

## Group 1

## Delegates

John W. McCormack, 726 Columbia Road, Boston.....	2
James M. Curley, 350 Jamaicaaway, Boston.....	1
Thomas J. Buckley, 15 Pinckney Street, Boston.....	2

William J. Foley, 388 West Fourth Street, Boston.....	3
Chester A. Dolan, Jr., 987 Parker Street, Boston.....	2
Joseph E. Casey, 138 Walnut Street, Clinton.....	2
Charles F. Jeff Sullivan, 23 St. Elmo Road, Worcester.....	2
Daniel B. Brunton, 29 Kendall Street, Springfield.....	2
Margaret M. O'Riordan, 4 Arborway, Boston.....	2
Roger L. Putnam, 216 Central Street, Springfield.....	2
Maxwell B. Grossman, 92 Beacon Street, Boston.....	2
Francis E. Kelly, 1184 Morton Street, Boston.....	1
John T. McMorrow, 25 Tremlett Street, Boston.....	2
David J. Brickley, 296 Temple Street, Boston .....	2
Joseph A. Scolponetti, 31 May Street, Boston.....	2
Edward P. Gilgun, 112 Garfield Avenue, Woburn.....	2

#### Alternate Delegates

William R. Conley, 20 Revere Beach Pky., Chelsea .....	1
Frank T. Y. Goon, 214 Huntington Avenue, Boston.....	1
Michael A. O'Leary, 399 Broadway, Cambridge.....	2
Bernard J. Killion, 180 Pond Street, Boston.....	1
Clementina Langone, 190 North Street, Boston.....	1
Michael LoPresti, 102 Leverett Street, Boston.....	1
Mary E. McDonald, 41 Clive Street, Boston.....	2
Charles H. McGlue, 9 Marlborough Street, Boston.....	1
Thomas F. Graham, 155 East Street, Great Barrington.....	1
Samuel Michelman, 36 Butler Place, Northampton.....	1
Rita M. Moylan, 296 Marlborough Street, Boston.....	1
Mary Higgins, 44 Faunce Road, Boston.....	1
Charles Collatos, 100 Montebello Road, Boston.....	1
Silas F. Taylor, 28 Warwick Street, Boston.....	1
James T. Violette, 189 Rollstone Street, Fitchburg.....	1
Daniel F. Donovan, 28 Oak Street, Boston.....	1

#### Group 2

##### Delegates

Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., 16 Norris Street, Cambridge.....	2
John George Asiaf, 92 Elliot Street, Brockton.....	2
Stanley Borsa, 1360 Berkshire Avenue, Springfield.....	1
Gerald T. Bowler, 10 Willow Street, Holyoke.....	1
Jeremiah D. Crowley, 462 Washington Street, Boston.....	1
Joseph T. Conley, 6 Salem Street, Lawrence.....	1
Walter A. Cuffe, 15 Johnson Street, Lynn.....	1
C. Gerald Lucey, 371 Moraine Street, Brockton.....	1
Francis V. Matera, 41 Saint Andrew Road, Boston.....	1
Harvey A. Pothier, 51 Franklin Street, Haverhill.....	2
William H. J. Rowan, 30 Payson Street, Revere .....	1
Colin J. Cameron, 12 Sanborn Terrace, Amesbury.....	1
Charles J. Artesani, 37 Coolidge Road, Boston.....	2

Francis X. Casey, 631 Bay Street, Taunton.....	1
Daniel Rudsten, 32 Angell Street, Boston.....	2
John M. Shea, 121 Cohasset Street, Worcester.....	1

#### Alternate Delegates

James A. Burke, 32 George Street, Boston.....	1
Joseph E. Duffy, 28 Newbern Street, Boston.....	1
Howard B. Driscoll, 213 Lyman Street, Holyoke.....	1
Gerald P. Lombard, 123 Myrtle Avenue, Fitchburg.....	2
John J. Toomey, 395 Windsor Street, Cambridge .....	1
Robert G. Connolly, 20 Thomas Street, Boston.....	1
Edward J. Mulligan, 387 Ashmont Street, Boston.....	1
James J. Twohig, Jr., 22 Emerson Street, Boston.....	1
Anthony Parenzo, 44 Church Street, Westfield.....	2
John G. Curley, 846 Carew Street, Springfield.....	2
Patrick Cronin, 81 Library Street, Chelsea.....	1
Harold C. Nagle, 535 Second Street, Fall River.....	1
Thomas F. Reilly, 207 Bowdoin Street, Boston.....	1
John H. O'Connor, Jr., 1180 Main Street, Worcester.....	1
James E. Hannon, 18 High Street, Lee.....	1
Frank B. Oliveira, 217 Columbia Street, Fall River.....	1

#### Not Grouped

##### Delegates

James A. Bowes, 112 Eagle Street, North Adams.....	0
Francis E. Cassidy, 700 School Street, Webster.....	0
Lawrence W. Caton, 73 Fern Street, New Bedford.....	0
Joseph H. Downey, 262 Main Street, Brockton .....	0
Leo A. Gosselin, Governor Avenue, Bellingham.....	1
Thomas A. Keating, 17 Fremont Avenue, Chelsea.....	0
Mathias LaPierre, 19 Oak Avenue, Leominster.....	0
Leo F. McGrath, 115 Lowell Street, Peabody .....	0
James Leo O'Connor, County Street, Dover.....	0
James F. Reynolds, 55 High Street, Everett.....	1
George W. Stanton, 102 Cedar Street, Fitchburg.....	2
Alice D. Sullivan, 122 Russell Avenue, Watertown.....	0

##### Alternate Delegates

Marie F. Akey, 11 Haywood Street, Greenfield.....	1
Thomas B. Brennan, 72 Bower Street, Medford.....	0
Joseph J. Buckley, 76 So. Huntington Avenue, Boston.....	0
John C. Carr, 30 Burnside Street, Medford.....	0
Lawrence E. Corcoran, 19 Wollaston Avenue, Arlington.....	0
Frederick M. Kelley, 24 Appleton Street, Saugus.....	0
Ida C. McDonough, 106 Melville Avenue, Boston.....	0
Edward McLaughlin, 32 Union Park, Boston.....	0
Wilfred J. Paquet, 95 Spruce Street, Watertown.....	2
Luke Ryan, 123 South Main Street, Northampton.....	0

Anna A. Sharry, 121 Granite Street, Worcester.....	0
Jacob W. Shinberg, 132 Lakeview Avenue, Haverhill.....	1
Wanda Walczak, 1 Warner Street, Salem.....	1
Blanks — Delegates .....	40
Blanks — Alternate Delegates .....	54

DISTRICT DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DISTRICT  
DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

4th District

Delegates	
James L. Marshall, 9 Drury Lane, Worcester.....	5
George A. Wells, 55 Windsor Street, Worcester.....	5
Blanks .....	2
Alternate Delegates	
Joseph A. Aspero, 7 Warden Street, Worcester.....	5
Stanislaus G. Wondolowski, 30 Washburn Street, Worcester.....	5
Blanks .....	2

STATE COMMITTEE

Middlesex and Norfolk District

Man

George E. Dewey, 13 Greendale Avenue, Marlborough.....	6
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Woman

Mary R. Berry.....	1
Blanks .....	5

TOWN COMMITTEE

John J. Cronin.....	2
Warren E. Vittum.....	1
Frank L. Jacques.....	1
Mary R. Berry.....	1
Blanks .....	55

The meeting was dissolved at 8:45 P.M.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MAY 10, 1948

Pursuant to a warrant duly served, a special town meeting was held on May 10, 1948, at 8 P.M.

The moderator called the meeting to order, and determined and announced the presence of a quorum. The town clerk read the warrant and the return of the officer who served the warrant.

*Article 1.* To increase or reduce the appropriation for the following purposes for the current year: School—Salaries; Schools—Other Ex-

penses; Schools—Lunchroom Salaries; Schools—Lunchroom Expenses; Unclassified—All Other.

*Voted (1):* The following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated for the following purposes for the current year:

Schools—Salaries	\$ 925.
Schools—Other Expenses	5,000.
Unclassified—All Other	3,100.

*Voted (2):* The appropriation made for Schools—Lunchroom Salaries for the current year at the annual town meeting held on March 15, 1948, is hereby reduced from \$5,200 to \$2,800; and the appropriation made for Schools—Lunchroom Expenses for the current year at said town meeting is hereby reduced from \$16,800 to \$10,500.

*Article 2.* To take and to authorize any action respecting existing and new school buildings and plant, the equipment, furnishings and facilities thereof, and improvement and development of school lands, including any action respecting the special school building committee appointed pursuant to vote at the town meeting held on June 25, 1946, establishment of one or more new special committees, appropriation of money, and authorization of borrowing money and issuing bonds or notes.

*Voted (1):* As a general policy which may be followed by the school committee, the present special school building committee, and other present and future representatives of the Town dealing with the public schools, the Town hereby approves use of the older school site on the east side of School Street and buildings thereon for elementary school purposes, and use of the newer school site on the west side of School Street and buildings thereon for high school purposes; but this vote shall not be considered to require any particular use of any school property or to preclude or limit any use thereof which would be proper in the absence of this vote.

*Voted (2):* There is highly established a special school restoration committee of three members, who shall serve during its existence. The original members shall be J. Robert Ayers, Edward B. Hubbard and Everett M. Studley; and the moderator, or, if that office be vacant, the selectmen, shall find any vacancies in the membership of the committee. The existence, powers and duties of the committee shall continue until terminated by the Town. A majority of the committee may act for it. The committee is hereby authorized and directed to proceed forthwith with such reconstruction, alteration, remodelling or repair of school buildings as in its opinion is necessitated by fire damage occurring in April, 1948, to the end that the school plant may be in operation on September 1, 1948, or as soon as possible thereafter. For its purposes the committee, in conformity to law, may take in the



name and behalf of the Town any appropriate action, upon such terms and conditions as the committee may think best, including (without limiting the generality of the foregoing power) selection, employment and payment of architects, engineers and other experts, and contractors; approval of plans; and making of all suitable contracts, arrangements and instruments. The committee may act under chapter 290 of the Acts of 1948, which is hereby approved and adopted by the Town. The sum of \$171,226, being the proceeds of fire insurance received by the Town through such fire damage to the high school building, is hereby appropriated for the use of the committee for its purposes.

It was also voted to include in the records of this meeting the following Statement of Policy and chapter 290 of the acts of 1948:

## **STATEMENT OF POLICY**

**May, 1948**

### **1. Scope of Work**

The proposed committee would intend to restrict its work to restoring the burnt high school building and the assembly hall.

### **2. Educational Standards**

Classroom areas and facilities for elementary school use are to follow in general the fundamental requirements as already determined by the existing school building committee. The layout of the classrooms in the building as altered or modified shall be determined only after consultation with an eminent educational advisor and through collaboration with your school department.

All restoration and remodeling of these buildings shall be as educationally sound as practicable from both the short range and the long range points of view.

### **3. Health**

Ventilating, heating, plumbing and lighting of these buildings are to be in line with modern practice for school building. Architectural features are to be a secondary consideration if the fenestration proves to be substandard.

### **4. Safety**

All building undertaken by this committee will be of safe construction with adequate firestopping in accordance with the fire safety provisions of the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety. Stairwells to be enclosed and protected. Careful attention to be given to quick egress. It is understood that no third floor classrooms will be permitted, which makes it unlikely that the third floor of the burnt high school building will be restored. The front entrance of the burnt high school building on the street side is likely to remain as a quick escape.

### 5. Timing and Procedure

A. The first aim is to restore the burnt high school building for occupancy as early as possible in the fall of 1948. This restoration will be designed for interim use by the high school this fall and for future use by the elementary school in the fall of 1949, or as soon as the high school occupies its proposed new building.

B. The proposed committee does not intend to carry its work in the development of a complete elementary school beyond reconstruction in burned areas.

C. It will be impossible to provide a cafeteria for either the high school or the elementary school during the coming school year of 1948-1949. The ultimate location of the elementary school cafeteria is to be determined later on, but should be available for occupancy in the fall of 1949.

### 6. Long range plan

We believe that this project would fit properly and adequately into a long range elementary school plant program: either by use of additional existing facilities after extensive remodelling and alteration; or addition to the rebuilt structure; or construction of additional new units; as the Town may desire, whenever such additional facilities are necessary.

Recommendations of alternatives must await further intensive study.

We understand that the school committee will begin such a study this summer, in the hope of submitting a report to the town meeting in September.

This statement of policy has been examined and is approved by your school committee and administrative staff.

## CHAPTER 290 OF THE ACTS OF 1948

(Approved May 7, 1948)

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON

SECTION 1. The town of Weston and its awarding authorities shall be relieved from compliance with the provisions of sections forty-four A to forty-four D, inclusive, as amended, of chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the General Laws in providing for and in connection with reconstruction, alteration, remodelling or repair of its school buildings necessitated by fire damage occurring in April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The meeting was dissolved at 8:42 P.M.

**PRIMARIES SEPTEMBER 14, 1948**

To bring their votes to the Primary Officers for the Nomination of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

Governor	for this Commonwealth
Lieutenant Governor	for this Commonwealth
Secretary of the Commonwealth	for this Commonwealth
Treasurer and Receiver-General	for this Commonwealth
Auditor of the Commonwealth	for this Commonwealth
Attorney General	for this Commonwealth
Senator in Congress	for this Commonwealth
Representative in Congress	Fourth Congressional District
Councillor	Third Councillor District
Senator	Middlesex and Norfolk Senatorial District
Two Representatives in General Ct.	Seventh Middlesex Representative District
Register of Probate and Insolvency	Middlesex County
County Commissioners	Middlesex County
County Treasurer	Middlesex County
A Sheriff (to fill vacancy)	Middlesex County

Pursuant to the warrant the meeting was called to order in the lower town hall by Wm. R. Dewey, Jr., Chairman, Board of Selectmen. The polls were opened at 7 A.M. and were closed at 8 P.M. 971 Republican ballots and 39 Democratic ballots were cast. The results were as follows:

**Republican Party****GOVERNOR**

Robert F. Bradford, 106 Coolidge Hill, Cambridge.....	872
Edward M. Rowe, 19 Ware Street, Cambridge.....	81
Blank .....	18

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Arthur W. Coolidge, 210 Summer Avenue, Reading.....	920
Blank .....	51

**SECRETARY**

Frederic W. Cook, 75 Benton Road, Somerville.....	929
Blank .....	42

**TREASURER**

Laurence Curtis, 15 River Street, Boston.....	918
Blank .....	53

## AUDITOR

Douglas Lawson, 1 Westhill Place, Boston.....	160
Edwin L. Olander, Jr., 21 Massasoit Street, Northampton.....	486
Wallace E. Stearns, 110 Gainsborough Street, Boston .....	22
Russell A. Wood, 11 Whittier Street, Cambridge.....	234
Blank .....	69

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

Clarence A. Barnes, 79 Rumford Avenue, Mansfield .....	923
Blank .....	48

## SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall, Smith Street, Dover.....	946
Blank .....	25

## CONGRESSMAN

## Fourth District

Alonzo B. Cook, 58 Pinckney Street, Boston.....	476
John J. Maginnis, 53 Elm Street, Worcester.....	433
Blank .....	62

## COUNCILLOR

## Third District

Otis M. Whitney, Elm Street, Concord.....	894
Walter H. McCarron, Sr., 201 Hildreth Street, Lowell.....	26
Blank .....	51

## SENATOR

## Middlesex and Norfolk District

Charles W. Olson, West Union Street, Ashland.....	118
J. Robert Ayers, 42 Aberdeen Road, Weston.....	844
Blank .....	9

## REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT

## Seventh Middlesex District

G. Chauncey Cousens, 240 Linden Street, Waltham.....	641
William E. Hays, 455 Lexington Street, Waltham.....	730
Walter A. E. Anderson, 14 Hamilton Road, Waltham.....	286
Blank .....	285

## REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY

## Middlesex County

Loring P. Jordan, 12 Church Street, Wakefield.....	754
John F. Lombard, 21 Horace Road, Belmont.....	125
Blank .....	92

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Middlesex County

William G. Andrew, 472 Cambridge Street, Cambridge.....	557
Edwin O. Childs, 340 California Street, Newton.....	769
Harland J. Barnes, 21 Morey Street, Lowell.....	171
Albert L. Sargent, 94 Lincoln Street, Melrose.....	103
Blank .....	342

## COUNTY TREASURER

## Middlesex County

Charles P. Howard, 186 Summer Avenue, Reading.....	890
Blank .....	81

## SHERIFF

## Middlesex County (to fill vacancy)

Smith J. Adams, 1053 Middlesex Street, Lowell.....	60
Paul J. Allen, 62 Albion Street, Medford.....	43
Louis E. Boutwell, 72 Greenleaf Street, Malden.....	588
Francis J. Cook, 381 Newtonville Avenue, Newton.....	125
Frederick L. Galbraith, 4 Perry Place, Everett.....	23
Francis P. Shea, Jr., 112 Winter Street, Belmont.....	27
Horace H. Walker, 123 Grant Avenue, Medford.....	12
Blank .....	93

## Democratic Party

## GOVERNOR

Paul A. Dever, 86 Buckingham Street, Cambridge.....	31
Maurice J. Tobin, 30 Hopkins Road, Boston.....	5
Blank .....	3

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Edward P. Barry, 28 Ledyard Street, Wellesley.....	12
Benedict F. FitzGerald, Jr., 399 Broadway, Cambridge .....	10
Charles F. Jeff Sullivan, 23 Saint Elmo Road, Worcester.....	15
Blank .....	2

## SECRETARY

Edward J. Cronin, 61 Cook Avenue, Chelsea.....	22
Jerome Patrick Troy, 22 Chase Street, Boston.....	9
Blank .....	8

## TREASURER

John E. Hurley, 40 Glenrose Road, Boston.....	31
Blank .....	8



## AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley, 15 Pinckney Street, Boston.....	33
Blank .....	6

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

Enrico Cappucci, 69 Faywood Avenue, Boston .....	4
John F. Kelley, 15 Hollis Street, Cambridge.....	12
Francis E. Kelly, 1184 Morton Street, Boston.....	5
Patrick Gilbert Sullivan, 92 Codman Hill Avenue, Boston.....	14
Blank .....	4

## SENATOR IN CONGRESS

John I. FitzGerald, 7 Allen Street, Boston.....	13
Francis D. Harrigan, 300 Bowdoin Street, Boston.....	4
Joseph A. Langone, Jr., 190 North Street, Boston.....	3
John D. Lynch, 20 Fairfield Street, Cambridge .....	4
Richard M. Russell, 10 Charles River Square, Boston.....	12
Blank .....	3

## CONGRESSMAN

## Fourth District

Harold D. Donohue, 82 Forest Street, Worcester.....	34
Blank .....	5

## COUNCILLOR

## Third District

Donald B. Falvey, Jr., 23 Springfield Street, Belmont.....	31
Blank .....	8

## SENATOR

## Middlesex and Norfolk District

Blank .....	39
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## REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT

## Seventh Middlesex District

Thomas J. Flannery, 16 Boynton St., Waltham .....	30
Blank .....	48

## REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY

## Middlesex County

John J. Butler, 6 Bartley St., Wakefield .....	30
Blank .....	9

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER

## Middlesex County

James A. Cullen, 82 Bacon St., Winchester .....	28
Blank .....	50

## COUNTY TREASURER

Middlesex County

Blank ..... 39

## SHERIFF MIDDLESEX COUNTY

(To fill vacancy)

Patrick J. Brennan, 312 Cambridge St., Cambridge ..... 23

Roger Joseph Kane, 84 South Highland St., Lowell ..... 4

John W. Kelleher, 94 Viola St., Lowell ..... 3

Horace H. Walker, 123 Grant Ave., Medford ..... 1

Blank ..... 8

The meeting was dissolved at 10:00 P.M.

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 1948

Pursuant to a warrant duly served, a special town meeting was held on September 20, 1948, at 8 P.M.

The moderator called the meeting to order, and determined and announced the presence of a quorum. The town clerk read the warrant and the return of the officer who served the warrant.

*Article 1.* To increase (from available funds in the treasury) or reduce the appropriations for the current year for Police Department, Highways and Bridges, and Schools.

*Voted (1):* The following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated from available funds in the treasury for the following purposes for the current year:

Police Department—Maintenance—Salaries	\$500.00
Highways and Bridges—General maintenance—Salaries	3,800.00

*Voted (2):* The aggregate appropriation of \$150,025 made for Schools—Salaries for the current year at the annual town meeting held on March 15, 1948, and the special town meeting held on May 10, 1948, is hereby reduced from said sum to \$147,325; and the additional sum of \$5200 is hereby appropriated from available funds in the treasury for Schools—Other Expenses for the current year.

*Article 2.* To take any action respecting existing and new school buildings and plant, the equipment, furnishings and facilities thereof, and improvement and development of school lands, including appropriation of money, to be taken from available funds in the treasury and/or to be raised by borrowing, and authorization of issuing bonds or notes.

*Voted (1):* The sum of \$31,777 is hereby appropriated from available funds in the treasury for the use and purposes of the special school restoration committee established by the second vote adopted under Article 2 of the warrant at the town meeting held on May 10, 1948, in addition to the appropriation of \$171,226 made therefor by said vote.

*Voted (2):* For the use and purposes of the special school building committee established pursuant to the fourth vote adopted under Article 1 of the warrant at the town meeting held on June 25, 1946, in addition to previous appropriations therefor, the further sum of \$410,000. is hereby appropriated, of which \$5,000. is hereby appropriated from available revenue funds; \$5,000. is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of fire insurance received by the Town through fire loss on the so-called Case barn; and \$400,000 shall be raised by borrowing inside the statutory limit under the authority of and in conformity to chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, to which end the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, is hereby authorized to prepare, issue and sell coupon bonds or notes of the Town in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$400,000, and to determine in conformity to law the period of the loan, all particulars as to the form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities, and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

Carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to Alfred F. Raynor, Jr., and Lawrence Cugini for restoration of the Town Hall floors was passed.

A vote of appreciation to the special school restoration committee for the efficient, speedy and economical job which they have done was passed.

The meeting was dissolved at 8:50 P.M.

### **ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 1948**

To bring in their votes for the following officers:

Electors of President and Vice President; Governor; Lieutenant Governor; Secretary; Treasury; Auditor; Attorney General; Senator in Congress; Congressman; Councillor; Senator; Representatives in General Court: Register of Probate and Insolvency; County Commissioners; County Treasurer; Sheriff.

And to give their vote on the following questions:

#### **Question No. 1**

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 28, 1945, received 227

votes in the affirmative and 0 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 9, 1947, received 232 votes in the affirmative and 8 in the negative?

YES

NO

#### **Summary**

This proposed amendment to the Constitution adds to the declaration of the rights of the inhabitants, as now set forth in the Constitution, the following: "The right of free speech shall not be abridged."

#### **Question No. 2**

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution, summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 6, 1946, received 220 votes in the affirmative and 28 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 9, 1947, received 228 votes in the affirmative and 5 in the negative?

YES

NO

#### **Summary**

This proposed amendment to the Constitution provides that the use of revenue from fees, duties, excises or license taxes relating to the registration, operation or use of vehicles on public highways or to fuels used for propelling such vehicles, except revenue from any excise tax imposed for the privilege of registering such vehicles in lieu of local property taxes, shall be for highway purposes only.

#### **Question No. 3**

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 6, 1946, received 243 votes in the affirmative and 0 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 3, 1948, received 231 votes in the affirmative and 9 in the negative?

YES

NO

#### **Summary**

This is an amendment of Article XVII of the Amendments to the Constitution. It provides that in case of a failure to elect the secretary, treasurer and receiver general, auditor or attorney general of the Commonwealth, or in case of the death of a person elected to any of such officers between the day of election and the third Wednesday of the following January, such an officer shall be chosen by a joint ballot of the senators and representatives from the people at large,

instead of from the two persons who had the highest number of votes at the election as is now required. It also provides that if there is a vacancy in any of such offices during a session of the Legislature the vacancy shall be filled in like manner by choice from the people at large, but if the vacancy occurs at any other time it shall be filled by appointment by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council.

#### Question No. 4

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 84 in the affirmative and 130 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 15 in the affirmative and 22 in the negative

YES

NO

#### Summary

This measure by amending General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 272, Section 21 provides that the provisions of Sections 20 and 21 of said Chapter 272 which make it an offense to advertise or give information as to the procurement of means for the prevention of pregnancy or conception shall not apply to treatment or prescription given to married women by registered physicians for protection of life or health.

#### Question No. 5

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 5 in the affirmative and 203 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 0 in the affirmative and 36 in the negative?

YES

NO

#### Summary

This measure prohibits the denial of the opportunity to obtain or retain employment because of membership or non-membership in a labor organization and prohibits agreements which exclude any person from employment because of membership or non-membership in a labor organization. Violation of the provisions of the measure is made an offense punishable by fine or imprisonment or both.

#### Question No. 6

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 82 in the affirmative and 126 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 13 in the affirmative and 20 in the negative?

YES

NO



### Summary

This measure requires that elections of officers of labor organizations shall be held at least annually. Sixty days' notice of a regular election and twenty days' notice of an election to fill one or more vacancies are required to be given by public announcement at a regular meeting, by notice in writing to each member, or in any other adequate manner. Candidates to be voted for must be nominated by a paper signed by ten members filed at least thirty days before a regular election and at least ten days before an election to fill a vacancy.

The voting at such an election must be by secret written or printed ballot. Watchers appointed by nominating members and by union officers may be present during the voting and counting of ballots.

Coercion and intimidation of members in connection with an election is prohibited, and violations of the provisions of the measure are made punishable by fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than two hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days or both.

### Question No. 7

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 95 in the affirmative and 110 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 14 in the affirmative and 18 in the negative?

YES

NO

### Summary

This measure prohibits the calling of a strike by a labor organization in any business or plant or unit thereof, except when authorized by the vote of the majority of all the members of the organization employed in the business, plant or unit thereof. Such authorization is to be expressed by a secret written or printed ballot at a meeting called for that purpose.

The Labor Relations Commission is authorized to make rules for the conduct of the voting. Within twenty-four hours after the voting the labor organization conducting it shall make a written report of the result to the commission, which shall be a permanent public record. If no report is filed the vote taken shall be void and a person making a false report shall be guilty of perjury.

Coercion and intimidation of members of a labor organization in connection with such voting is made a penal offense.

### Question No. 8

It is desirable that the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, —

**"Article—**

"Section 1. No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who was held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such term.

"Section 2. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress,"—be ratified by the general court?

YES

NO

**Question No. 9**

A. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whisky, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other acoholic beverages)?

YES

NO

B. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?

YES

NO

C. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

YES

NO

Pursuant to the warrant the meeting was called to order in the lower town hall by Francis Blake, Town Clerk. The polls were opened at 7 A.M. and were closed at 8 P.M. 2,458 ballots were cast. The results were as follows:

<b>ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT</b>	
Dewey and Warren, Republican .....	1961
Teichert and Emery, Socialist Labor .....	3

Truman and Barkley, Democratic .....	430
Wallace and Taylor, Progressive .....	22
Watson and Learn, Prohibition .....	2
Thomas and Smith, Socialist Labor .....	7
Blank .....	33

## GOVERNOR

Robert F. Bradford of Cambridge, Republican .....	1934
Paul A. Dever of Cambridge, Democratic .....	501
Horace I. Hillis of Saugus, Socialist Labor .....	1
Mark R. Shaw of Melrose, Prohibition .....	4
Blank .....	18

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Arthur W. Coolidge of Reading, Republican .....	1938
Charles F. Jeff Sullivan of Worcester, Democratic .....	479
Lawrence Gilfedder of Boston, Socialist Labor .....	3
Guy S. Williams of Worcester, Prohibition .....	1
Blank .....	37

## SECRETARY

Frederic W. Cook of Somerville, Republican .....	2050
Edward J. Cronin of Chelsea, Democratic .....	355
Gote E. Palmquist of Boston, Socialist Labor .....	7
Blank .....	46

## TREASURER

Laurence Curtis of Boston, Republican .....	1954
John E. Hurley of Boston, Democratic .....	463
Harold J. Ireland of Worcester, Prohibition .....	0
Malcolm T. Rowe of Lynn, Socialist Labor .....	1
Blank .....	40

## AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley of Boston, Democratic .....	638
Russell A. Wood of Cambridge, Republican .....	1749
Robert A. Simmons of Boston, Prohibition .....	4
Francis A. Votano of Lynn, Socialist Labor .....	0
Blank .....	67

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

Clarence A. Barnes of Mansfield, Republican .....	2072
Francis E. Kelly of Boston, Democratic .....	322
Anthony Martin of Boston, Socialist Labor .....	8
Blank .....	56

## SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall of Dover, Republican .....	2098
John I FitzGerald of Boston, Democratic .....	321
Henning A. Blomen of Boston, Socialist Labor .....	2
E. Tallmadge Root of Somerville, Prohibition .....	3
Blank .....	34

## CONGRESSMAN

## Fourth District

Harold D. Donahue of Worcester, Democratic .....	563
John J. Maginnis of Worcester, Republican .....	1808
Blank .....	87

## COUNCILLOR

## Third District

Otis M. Whitney of Concord, Republican .....	1937
Donald B. Falvey, Jr., of Belmont, Democratic .....	408
Blank .....	113

## SENATOR

## Middlesex and Norfolk District

Charles W. Olson of Ashland, Republican .....	2042
J. Robert Ayers of Weston, Republican .....	15
Blank .....	401

## REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT

## Seventh Middlesex District

G. Chauncey Cousen of Waltham, Republican .....	1870
William E. Hays of Waltham, Republican .....	1728
Thomas J. Flannery of Waltham, Democratic .....	448
Blank .....	870

## REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY

## Middlesex County

Loring P. Jordan of Wakefield, Republican .....	1915
John J. Butler of Wakefield, Democratic .....	396
Blank .....	147

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Middlesex County

William G. Andrew of Cambridge, Republican .....	1831
Edwin O. Childs of Newton, Republican .....	1803
James A. Cullen of Winchester, Democratic .....	431
Blank .....	851

**COUNTY TREASURER****Middlesex County**

Charles P. Howard of Reading, Republican .....	2140
Blank .....	318

**SHERIFF****Middlesex County (To fill vacancy)**

Louis E. Boutwell of Malden, Republican .....	1911
Patrick J. Brennan of Cambridge, Democratic .....	413
Blank .....	134

**Question No. 1**

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YES	2074
No	172
Blank	212

**Summary**

This proposed amendment to the Constitution adds to the declaration of the rights of the inhabitants, as now set forth in the Constitution, the following: "The right of free speech shall not be abridged."

**Question No. 2**

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 6, 1946, received 220 votes in the affirmative and 28 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 9, 1947, received 228 votes in the affirmative and 5 in the negative?

YES	2021
NO	233
Blank	204

**Summary**

This proposed amendment to the Constitution provides that the use of revenue from fees, duties, excises or license taxes relating to the registration, operation or use of vehicles on public highways or to fuel used for propelling such vehicles, except revenue from any excise tax imposed for the privilege of registering such vehicles in lieu of local property taxes, shall be for highway purposes only.



**Question No. 3**

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 6, 1946, received 243 in the affirmative and 0 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 3, 1948, received 231 votes in the affirmative and 9 in the negative?

YES	2032
NO	138
Blank	288

**Summary**

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**Question No. 4**

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 84 in the affirmative and 130 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 15 in the affirmative and 22 in the negative?

YES	1667
NO	677
Blank	114

**Summary**

This measure by amending General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 272, Section 21 provides that the provisions of Section 20 and 21 of said Chapter 272 which make it an offense to advertise or give information as to the procurement of means for the prevention of pregnancy or conception shall not apply to treatment or prescription given to married women by registered physicians for protection of life or health.

**Question No. 5**

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 5 in the affirmative and

203 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 0 in the affirmative and 36 in the negative?

YES	1043
NO	1170
Blank	245

#### Summary

This measure prohibits the denial of the opportunity to obtain or retain employment because of membership or non-membership in a labor organization and prohibits agreements which exclude any person from employment because of membership or non-membership in a labor organization. Violation of the provisions of the measure is made an offense punishable by fine or imprisonment or both.

#### Question No. 6

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 82 in the affirmative and 126 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 13 in the affirmative and 20 in the negative?

YES	1398
NO	822
Blank	238

#### Summary

This measure requires that elections of officers of labor organizations shall be held at least annually. Sixty days' notice of a regular election and twenty days' notice of an election to fill one or more vacancies are required to be given by public announcement at a regular meeting, by notice in writing to each member, or in any other adequate manner. Candidates to be voted for must be nominated by a paper signed by ten members filed at least thirty days before a regular election and at least ten days before an election to fill a vacancy.

The voting at such an election must be by secret, written or printed ballot. Watchers appointed by nominating members and by union officers may be present during the voting and counting of ballots.

Coercion and intimidation of members in connection with an election is prohibited, and violations of the provisions of the measure are made punishable by fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than two hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days or both.

#### Question No. 7

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 95 in the affirmative and

110 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 14 in the affirmative and 18 in the negative?

YES	1452
NO	781
Blank	225

### Summary

This measure prohibits the calling of a strike by a labor organization in any business or plant or unit thereof, except when authorized by the vote of the majority of all the members of the organization employed in the business, plant or unit thereof. Such authorization is to be expressed by a secret written or printed ballot at a meeting called for that purpose.

The Labor Relations Commission is authorized to make rules for the conduct of the voting. Within twenty-four hours after the voting the labor organization conducting it shall make a written report of the result to the commission, which shall be a permanent public record. If no report is filed the vote taken shall be void and a person making a false report shall be guilty of perjury.

Coercion and intimidation of members of a labor organization in connection with such voting is made a penal offense.

### Question No. 8

Is it desirable that the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States,—

#### “Article—

“SECTION 1. No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the Office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such term.

“SECTION 2. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress,”—be ratified by the general court?

YES	1791
NO	420
Blank	247

## Question No. 9

A. Shall licenses be granted in this (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whisky, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

YES	496
NO	1729
Blank	233

B. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?

YES	513
NO	1666
Blank	279

C. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

YES	827
NO	1432
Blank	199

The meeting was dissolved at 3:45 A.M.

The following votes were adopted by the Selectmen during 1948:

*January 24, 1948 Voted* to recommend to the Town that we purchase one 5-ton Oshkosh four-wheel drive truck equipped with V-plow and wing, at a cost of \$11,300, and that the selectmen make arrangements with the Field Machinery Company to rent this vehicle for three months at \$1200 per month, the rental to apply against the purchase price. The Finance Committee approved this arrangement.

*May 8, 1948 Voted* to increase pay of firemen and policemen \$5.00 per week, effective May 15, 1948.

*May 8, 1948 Voted* to increase pay of highway laborers and chauffeurs ten cents per hour and pay of highway foreman to \$1.25 per hour, effective May 15, 1948. Work week shall be forty-five hours and there shall be not more than five laborers and five chauffeurs.

*May 8, 1948* The Board considered a petition for revocation of the kennel license of Evelyn R. Cohen, 405 North Avenue, and the information with respect thereto derived at the public hearing held by the Board thereon on May 3, 1948. *Voted* to send a written report to the County Commissioners of Middlesex County, copy of which is attached to this record, recommending that said license be revoked on account of excessive barking, constituting a public nuisance, of dogs at the kennel maintained thereunder at the above premises. The report was

thereupon signed by the members of the Board and the secretary was instructed to forward it to the County Commissioners.

*May 8, 1948 Voted* that the Town accept the sum of \$171,226.00 from the United Mutual Fire Insurance Company in full settlement of the loss and damage by fire to the high school building (exclusive of contents) of the Town on School Street on April 6-7, 1948.

*May 24, 1948 Voted* that a purchase by the Town of a parcel of land of Mary A. Jones containing approximately 25.8 acres, described in a deed to the Town from the conservator of her property, The Third National Bank and Trust Company of Springfield, dated May 17, 1948, a copy of which is attached to this record, and shown on a plan of October 22, 1947, a blueprint of which is hereto attached; the payment of \$14,000 from the Burial Grounds—Sale of Lots Fund to Mrs. Jones as the purchase price for such parcel; and the acceptance of the deed and its recording with the plan in behalf of the Town, are hereby approved and confirmed by this Board acting under the authority of the vote adopted under Article 11 of the warrant at the town meeting held on March 15, 1948.

*June 2, 1948 Voted* that the Town accept the sum of \$28,692.00 from the United Mutual Fire Insurance Company in full settlement of the loss and damage by fire to the contents of the high school building of the Town on School Street on April 6-7, 1948.

*June 7, 1948* The Selectmen conferred with Messrs. Goodale and Nichols, Trustees of Trapelo Enclave, and Mr. F. Winchester Denio, President of Cambridge School, Inc., with reference to disposition of residue of Trapelo Trust in favor of the Town. It was *voted* to approve the action of the Trapelo Trustees in assigning to the Estate of Wiske Warren a \$20,000 mortgage on property owned by Cambridge School to wipe out certain rent charges owed to the Warren Estate by the Trapelo Trust.

*June 9, 1948 Voted* that the Town accept the sum of \$3,085.00 from the United Mutual Fire Insurance Company in full settlement of the loss and damage by fire to the Grammar School Auditorium on April 3, 1948.

*June 22, 1948* Proposals for the purchase of the \$94,000 Weston School Loan No. 5, 1946 Bonds, dated July 1, 1948, authorized by the Town at its meeting held June 25, 1946, were received. The bid of the Newton Waltham Bank and Trust Co. of Waltham, Mass., for the purchase of bonds of said issue at an interest rate of 1¾% and a price of 100.56 and accrued interest to date of delivery, being considered, after discussion, to be the lowest and most favorable bid, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously



- Voted:*
1. That the interest rate of 1¼% per annum on the \$94,000 Weston School Loan No. 5, 1946 Bonds, the issue of which was authorized by the voters at a Town Meeting held June 25, 1946, be and hereby is fixed and determined as the rate of interest to be payable on said bonds;
  2. That the period of the loan and annual maturities of said bonds be fixed and determined as \$5,000 aggregate principal amount, to mature on the first day of July in each year 1949 to 1966, inclusive, \$4,000 aggregate principal amount, to mature on the first day of July in the year 1967;
  3. That the other terms of said bonds be substantially as stated in the form of bond submitted at the meeting, a copy of which form follows the record of said meeting;
  4. That said issue of bonds be and hereby is awarded to Newton Waltham Bank & Trust Co. of Waltham, Mass., at a price of 100.56 and accrued interest to date of delivery and
  5. That all matters pertaining to solicitation of bids for the purchase of this bond issue and any other action taken by the Town Treasurer relative thereto or to the sale of said bonds, or to any of the matters referred to in this vote, be and hereby is approved, adopted, ratified and confirmed.

*July 27, 1948 Voted* to accept bid of B.L. Ogilvie & Sons, Inc. to furnish fuel oil for the Town Hall, Library and Fire Station at the proposed contract price of \$.008 per gallon less than the posted tank wagon price in effect on the date of delivery quoted in their proposal of June 23, 1948.

*September 7, 1948 Voted* to award contract for work to be done under Chapter 90 Construction on North Avenue to Auburndale Construction Company, 147 Hancock Street, Auburndale, Mass., for \$26,251.00, the lowest bid.

*September 18, 1948 Voted* to license the Boston, Worcester & New York Street Railway Company to operate motor vehicles for the carriage of passengers for hire as provided by Section I Chapter 159-A of the General Laws in the Town of Weston over the following routes:

From Wellesley-Weston Town Line on Wellesley Street to Bogle Street; on Bogle Street to Winter Street; on Winter Street to Weston-Natick Town Line and return.

*October 22, 1948* Proposals for the purchase of the \$400,000 Weston School Loan, Act of 1946 (School Loan No. 4, 1946) Bonds, dated November 1, 1948, authorized by the town at its meeting held June 25, 1946, and \$400,000 Weston School Loan No. 6, 1948 Bonds, dated November 1, 1948, authorized by the town at its meeting held September

20, 1948, were received. The bid of Estabrook & Company, Kidder Peabody & Company, R. L. Day & Company and Robert Hawkins & Company of Boston for the purchase of the bonds of said issues at an interest rate of 2% for each issue and a price of \$101.3831 and accrued interest to date of delivery being considered, after discussion, to be the lowest and most favorable bid, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

- Voted:*
1. That the interest rate of 2% per annum on the \$400,000 Weston School Loan, Act of 1946 (Weston School Loan No. 4, 1946) Bonds, the issue of which was authorized by the voters at the town meeting held June 25, 1946, be and it hereby is fixed and determined as the rate of interest to be payable on said bonds; that the period of the loan and annual maturities of said bonds be fixed and determined as 27,000 aggregate principal amount, to mature on the first day of November in each year 1949 to 1958, inclusive, and \$26,000 aggregate principal amount to mature on the first day of November in the years 1959 to 1963, inclusive.
  2. That the interest rate of 2% per annum on the \$400,000 Weston School Loan No. 6, 1948 Bonds, the issue of which was authorized by the voters at the town meeting held September 20, 1948, be and it hereby is fixed and determined as the rate of interest to be payable on said bonds; that the period of the loan and annual maturities of said bonds be fixed and determined as \$28,000 aggregate principal amount to mature on the first day of November in each year 1949 to 1958, inclusive and \$24,000 aggregate principal amount to mature on the first day of November in the years 1959 to 1963, inclusive.
  3. That the other terms of said bonds be substantially as stated in the forms of bonds submitted at the meeting, a copy of which forms follow the record of said meeting;
  4. That said issues of bonds be and they are hereby awarded to Estabrook & Company, Kidder Peabody & Co., R. L. Day & Co. and Robert Hawkins & Co. of Boston at a price of \$101.3831 and accrued interest to date of delivery; and
  5. That all matters pertaining to solicitation of bids for the purchase of these bond issues and any other action taken by the Town Treasurer relative thereto or to the sale of said bonds, or to any of the matters referred to in this vote, be and hereby is approved, adopted, ratified and confirmed.

*October 25, 1948 Voted* to retain Stuart Rand and the firm of Choate, Hall & Stewart, Attorneys, of Boston, to represent the Town in defending against suit brought by Massachusetts Broken Stone Company

and the members of the Board of Selectmen agree to institute any proceedings which in the opinion of said special counsel may be reasonable and advisable, directly or indirectly, in connection with the defense against said suit.

*November 8, 1948 Voted* to accept offer of Mary J. Sherman, 541 North Avenue, of settlement for land damages to her property on North Avenue in the amount of \$500.

*Voted* to accept offer of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Bolton, 419 North Avenue, of settlement for land damages to their property on North Avenue in the amount of \$400.

*Voted* to accept offer of Frederick T. Stoffel, 422 North Avenue of settlement for land damages to his property on North Avenue in the amount of \$500.

*November 30, 1948 Voted* to proceed with new office plans for the Town Hall as laid out by Harold B. Willis, architect, and to employ Richard White Sons, Inc. of Newton to do the work.

The Selectmen made the following appointments during 1948:

TOWN COUNSEL  
Grant M. Palmer, Jr.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS  
Gilbert M. Upham (resigned June 1, 1948)  
Stanley Fabbri, acting supt. of streets (to fill vacancy)

LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT FOR SUPPRESSION OF GYPSY  
AND BROWNTAIL MOTHS  
Edmund V. Mezitt

CHIEF OF POLICE  
J. Sumner Viles

POLICE OFFICERS	
Harlan C. Berry	Willard J. Frye
Frank L. Jacques	Harold L. Lingley
Lawrence H. Cugini	Robert C. Millen

PERMANENT RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS (under Civil Service)  
Robert P. Lazzari

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST WARDEN  
Maurice L. Upham

CONSTABLES AND DOG OFFICERS

J. Sumner Viles  
Harlan C. Berry

Frank L. Jacques  
Lawrence H. Cugini

CONSTABLES

Benjamin P. Adams  
Maurice L. Upham

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

John J. Cronin (term to expire 1951)

VETERANS' AGENT

Wm. R. Dewey, Jr.

SEALER WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS, POUND KEEPER AND  
KEEPER OF LOCKUP

J. Sumner Viles

BURIAL AGENT

Winfred A. Martin

BURIAL AGENT FOR VETERANS

Winfred A. Martin

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

J. Sumner Viles  
Gladys Whittemore  
Frederick M. Foote  
Mrs. Paul Cahill

Vina MacLeod  
Harold A. Ogilvie  
Raymond E. Ogilvie

WEIGHERS OF CRUSHED STONE AND BITUMINOUS MATERIAL

H. O. Robinson  
Edgar S. Burkhardt  
Kathleen Trainor  
Robert Burkhardt

Richard Robinson  
John J. Whelan  
Clifford C. Cooper, Jr.

FIELD DRIVERS

William A. Funderburk  
Gilbert M. Upham (Resigned)

Warren C. Tyler

FENCE VIEWERS

Eugene O. Hanson

Guy Garland  
George W. A. Hammond

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

J. Robert Ayers	Horace P. Morton
Benjamin S. Blake	Harold A. Ogilvie
Francis Blake	Oscar Payne
Edward C. Briggs	Gilbert Peakes
John A. Cain, Jr.	Frank Shaw
Philip Cassidy	Phillip J. Sheehan
John H. Clark	Jeremiah Sliney
Raymond W. Coburn	Ralph F. Slayton
Fred J. Cunningham	Reginald W. Stevens
Gordon R. Desmond	Charles H. Stimpson, Jr.
William R. Dewey, Jr.	Pickering D. Stone
Edward M. Dickson	Herbert E. Tyler
E. Olsen Field	Gilbert M. Upham (Resigned)
Asa B. Foster	G. Leonard Upham
Eugene O. Hanson	Maurice L. Upham
Edward T. Harrington	Warren E. Vittum
Bartholomew Kelly	Stanley Warren
Robert Lazzari	Olney Washburn
Joseph MacDonald	Parker Williams
Winfred A. Martin	Harold B. Willis
Herbert S. McBride	B. Loring Young
Adam McClay	

BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER

Joseph B. Hartwell (term to expire 1951)

Associate Member:

Mortimer T. Farley (term to expire 1951)

LIAISON OFFICER FOR TOWN OF WESTON FOR  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Helen E. Cutting

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Robert Clive

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Austin S. Hale

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Maurice L. Upham

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND ASSISTANT  
INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Charles H. Stimpson, Jr.



## BALLOT CLERKS

Marie L. Tilton

John A. Cain

## ELECTION OFFICERS

Mary R. Berry

John Harte

## TELLERS

Margaret D. Amon

Edward F. Hinds

Annie E. Barbetti

Yvonne M. Jacques

Helen W. Blake

Elsie G. Ladensack

Mary E. Cain

Mary A. McMahon

Mary W. Chandler

Rose B. Morse

Lois S. Colpitts

Harold A. Mosher

Frank J. Connolly

Hildur I. Mosher

John J. Cronin

Peter Mulrey

Dorothea R. Cugini

Frederick W. Perkins

Elsie C. Cunningham

Bernice W. Reed

Cora S. Currie

Charlotte E. Robinson

E. Olsen Field

Jeremiah Sliney

Emma Fletcher

Anna H. Smith

Martha E. Gates

Charles H. Stimpson, Jr.

Virginia M. Giles

Hazel J. Upham

Muriel Hanley

Mary G. Viles

Barbara E. Hanney

Warren E. Vittum

James W. Hanney

Willis J. Wager

Edward J. Harding

Margery V. Washburn

Frances A. Harding

John C. Waters, Jr.

Dorothy S. Hartel

Helen P. Wheeler

Florence Hastings

Margaret R. H. Whitney

## HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

Henry W. Patterson

## COMMITTEE ON FUEL OIL REQUESTS

George O. Russell, Jr.

Donald J. Hurley

Lawrence VanB. Nichols

**BULLETIN COMMITTEE**

(to serve until April 1, 1951)

Mrs. Russell L. Dorrance

Mrs. Joseph B. Hartwell

Mrs. William L. Caffrey (resigned)

Mrs. Isabel T. Taylor (to fill vacancy)

(to serve until April 1, 1949)

(William P. Coues, Jr. (to fill vacancy caused by resignation of  
Charles O. Richardson, Jr.)

**EMERGENCY COMMITTEE** to consider emergency action with regard to High School fire (appointed by Board of Selectmen, School Committee, School Building Committee, Planning Board, Finance Committee and representatives of Weston Association of Parents and Teachers.)

Anthony Brayton, Chairman of the School Committee

Donald D. Reynolds, Chairman of the Planning Board

Robert Wilkes, member Weston Association of Parents and Teachers

Edward B. Hubbard, Chairman School Building Committee

Everett M. Studley, Chairman Finance Committee

J. Robert Ayers, Secretary Board of Selectmen

**ELECTED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**MEMBER OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Karl Adams, Jr. (to fill vacancy caused by resignation of  
Gilbert M. Upham)

**TREE WARDEN**

John L. Duffy (to fill vacancy caused by resignation of  
Gilbert M. Upham)

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR**

**MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE**

Vincent H. Melone	Edith T. Chauncey
Harold W. Martin	Edward C. Cutler
Thomas E. Rush	

**MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

(for three years)

Everett M. Studley	Richard H. Field
Asa B. Foster	

**VETERANS HOUSING BOARD**

(Appointed under Article 16 of warrant for March 15, 1948)

Richard P. Holland	Robert J. Wilkes
Edward R. Langenbach	D. Stephen Thrall
Leonard H. Dowse	

Special Advisor to Veterans Housing Board (not a member of the Board): Earl H. Eacker

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

**AGENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

Curtis M. Hilliard

**INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING**

Harold B. Colpitts

**SANITARY INSPECTOR**

Harold S. Hanks

**SPECIAL AGENTS TO ISSUE BURIAL PERMITS**

Francis Blake  
Wm. R. Dewey, Jr.  
Muriel R. Vittum  
Margaret E. Berry

**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

Dr. Paul Granholm

**INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING**

Dr. Paul Granholm



## JURY LIST

Merton W. Ayer	Carpenter	297 North Avenue
Weston Blake	Exec. Sec.	47A Newton Street
George E. Bulwinkle, Jr.	Prod. Supt.	230 Merriam Street
Edwin B. Burt	Dial Designer	21 Loring Road
John B. Butler	Supt. of Ed.	30 North Avenue
Charles B. Cutter, Jr.	Banking	40 Park Road
Edward M. Dickson	Furn. Bus.	125 Highland Street
Edward C. Dooley	Ins. & R. E. Br.	48 South Avenue
George W. Dwyar	Cable Splicer	126 North Avenue
Alfred E. Ewer	Buyer	8 Pelham Road
Harold Foote	Store	282 North Avenue
William A. Funderburk	Construction	38 Webster Road
Frank L. Gray	Bullder	59 Ash Street
Allan O. Guthrie	Pur. Agent	293 North Avenue
J. Ernest Gwilliam	Asst. Treas.	Montvale Road
Raymond J. Harrington	Shipper	12 White Lane
Frederick W. Heaney	Executive	145 Lexington Street
John P. Hyland	Div. Auditor	42 Partridge Hill Rd.
William H. Ingram	Traveling Sales.	40 Westland Road
J. Wesley Jones	Superintendent	89 Wellesley Street
R. Kenneth Jones	Indust. Eng.	35 Newton Street
John L. Kronenberg	Div. Mgr.	154 Newton Street
Herbert E. Lyons	Milk Delivery	454 Boston Post Rd.
Russell L. Mailman	Controller	11 Warren Place
Donaldson R. McMullin	Architect	216 Conant Road
Henry M. Merrill	Home	215 Boston Post Road
Clarence F. Mosher	Main. Man	51 Summer Street
Samuel Murray	Farmer	77 Loring Road
Robert F. Muzzey	Engineer	19 Pelham Road
William H. Nichols	Claim Adj.	425 South Avenue
Perley L. Norton	Expeditior	226 Ash Street
George H. Olson	Greenhouse Wkr.	272 North Avenue
William R. Otto	Salesman	117 Merriam Street
Chester Palmgren	Salesman	194 Merriam Street
Herman L. Peakes	Plasterer	2 North Avenue
Wesley T. Putney	General Man	360 South Avenue
George E. Rutherford	Proprietor	17 Highland Street
George A. Sammet	Prod. Con.	75 Westland Road
Charles L. Smith	Salesman	44 Silver Hill Road
Franksford S. Sumner	Machinist	16 Jones Road
John A. Swanson	Accountant	22 Summer Street
James V. Toner, Jr.	Electrical	204 Merriam Street
James J. Tynan	Executive	151 Lexington Street
Kenneth B. Turner	Wholesale Paper	455 Glen Road
Elliot G. Vivian	Machinist	35 Loring Road
W. Stanley Wade	Manufacturer	10 Winsor Way
Thomas G. Wilder	Electrician	7 Locust Road
James R. Zancck	Banking	3 Loring Road

## JURORS DRAWN

### *Civil*

Raymond J. Harrington  
Austin Hale  
Weston Blake

### *Criminal*

James V. Toner, Jr.  
Paul B. Cahill  
Merton Ayer

